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REPORT —TO OUR READER-OWNERS

Seven Big Obstacles

The section on Communication at the recent session of the Pacific Regional UNESCO meeting drew up a report on seven "Obstacles to the Free Flow of Information." The Bay Guildsman says that the report was prepared by Frank A. Clarvoe, editor of the S. F. News. Here are the seven obstacles to the free flow of information:

1. The necessity for selection, abstraction, and interpretation in reporting events.'

2. Biased and incompetent writing and editing.

3. Uncritical reading and listening.

4. Economic influences on emphasis and suppression of information.

5. Dangers of Government controls.

6. Considerations of national security.

7. Public apathy and ignorance.

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Selection, Bias, Heedlessness

No. 1 is an important point. Much criticism of newspapers rises from critics' failure to realize that there must be selection, abstraction, and interpretation in reporting events, and that no matter how carefully and conscientiously an editor exercises these functions, he's bound to slip or show bias unintentionally at times.

As for No. 2, biased and incompetent writing and editing, the Hearst papers, for example, are biased, but their writers and editors are usually not incompetent. They're just hired to twist the stuff. They could do better if Hearst were better.

No. 3, uncritical reading and listening, that's aimed at YOU, the readers of papers of the listeners to radio. Amazing, too, what ideas some readers and listeners get—ideas that simply weren't in the paper or on the air!

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Bribery, Dictatorship

As for No. 4, economic influences on emphasis and suppression of information, we shouldn't for a moment think that it's just the big commercial newspapers that illustrate that fault. Labor papers are often a very good illustration of it.

No. 5, dangers of Government controls, came up in lively fashion with the passage of the Taft-Hartley Law over President Truman's veto. But as Federal Judge Ben Moore said in the decision which the U. S. Supreme Court will ultimately pass on:

"I am of opinion that the questioned portion . . . is an unconstitutional abridgement of freedom of speech, freedom of press, and freedom of assembly . . . There is the right of the people to be informed of the views represented by conflicting interests and opinions . . . How are they to get such information concerning the views of laboring men and women if the organization in and through which such persons are united in a common purpose is forbidden to publish any views whatsoever?"

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Censorship, Apathy

No. 6, consideration of national security, is mixed up with No. 5, isn't it? As the world gets more and more tense, the Government is prone to think that more and more matters need to be considered top drawer secrets.

But No. 7, the last one on the list, is the great big whopping problem that leaves you speechless when it hits you: it is PUBLIC APATHY AND IGNORANCE.

However, they tell us that there isn't as much public apathy and ignorance in America as there used to be among the amoeba and the earlier types of ant-eaters. But did the amoeba or the earlier ant-eaters face the problems we do?

Gallagher Speaks In GOP Stronghold

Dr. Buell G. Gallagher, winner of the Democratic nomination for Congress in the 7th District in the recent primary, gave the baccalaureate address at Stanford University Sunday.

There was some good humored testing of Dr. Gallagher after the sermon by high Republicans who think of Stanford as the leading Republican center of the West.

Dr. Gallagher's subject was "Words To Keep Men On Their Feet." He told the students that they are going out into a world where conditions are very bad, a world in danger of being destroyed by man's own mistakes. But he held before them the ideal of hard striving to save the world by adhering to the highest principles.

The Memorial Church at Stanford was crowded to the doors for the address.

Immediately after giving the address, Dr. Gallagher went to San Francisco and attended the breakfast at the Fairmont honoring President Truman.

Dr. Gallagher as Professor of Christian Ethics at the Pacific School of Religion has been active in many affairs in which he encountered Stanford students, notably at annual Asilomar sessions.

Meetings!

PRINTING PRESSMEN 125 holds its regular meeting Monday June 21 at 7:30 p.m., Danish Hall, 164 11th street, Oakland, President E. N. Dowdall and Recording Secretary C. A. Moreno announce.

Bridges' Union in Two-Front Battle

Some 35 warehousing plants in the Oakland area were closed by the strike of 7000 CIO warehousemen which started Monday, shutting down a total of 200 plants in the Bay Area as a whole.

The strike, called by Warehouse Local 6 of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, was against the Distributors' Association of Northern California.

The union originally asked a 20-cent hourly increase but reduced to 15 cents and indicated it would consider 12½ cents just before the strike started. The employers have offered 3½ to 5 cents.

Meanwhile the other branch of the ILWU, the longshoremen, along with other CIO maritime unions, was under Government injunctions under the terms of the Taft-Hartley Law, preventing a strike to have been called Monday.

TEAMSTERS REPORT IN

The proposed maritime strike would be national.

In the local warehouse strike, AFL office workers during the first two days of the stoppage by the warehousemen were permitted to go in for work, but it was not certain how long this would last.

AFL teamsters were instructed by their union officers to report for work each morning in order to preserve their unemployment insurance rights, but they were informed by the management that there was no work.

CHAS. REAL'S OFFER

Some weeks ago Charles W. Real of Oakland as acting president of the Teamsters Joint Council for the Bay Area wrote a letter to Warehouse Local 6 officers and members offering to give the local a Teamsters' charter. This was based on the assumption that many of the warehousemen would wish to leave a leftist-dominated organization and join the AFL.

At that time the Teamsters' Brotherhood contended that if CIO Warehouse Local 6 went on strike, it would lose automatically its certification as bargaining agent for the warehouse workers. In view of this recent statement by the Teamsters, there was general interest in labor circles as to developments during the strike.

Harry Bridges, the leading CIO leftist on the Pacific Coast, is president of the ILWU.

RIGHT-LEFT MANEUVERS

In the national maritime situation, it was expected that there would be much maneuvering involving the right and left wings of the CIO and the AFL. Some of the CIO maritime unions have showed a tendency to return to the AFL, and others are trying to turn from leftist to rightist leadership within the CIO.

Bridges said in Los Angeles this week after the maritime strike had been enjoined by the Federal Courts in San Francisco and the East:

"There's going to be a strike, and it's going to be a lollapaloosa. There is no law that says you have to break your back while working on the waterfront. They think they are going to give us an 80-day cooling-off period. A strike can come on September 5 as well as June 15."

COURT HEARING MONDAY

Next Monday Federal Judge Harris in San Francisco will hold a hearing to determine whether the present temporary injunction under the Taft-Hartley Law should be made a permanent injunction forbidding a strike for an 80-day "cooling off" period as provided under that law.

Estimates varied as to the shortages of various supplies which may develop as the result of the warehouse strike. Many retail establishments have been stocking up for some time, anticipating the strike. The striking union has arranged for withdrawal of drugs and other vital supplies from the struck establishments.

(Editor's Note: It is to be hoped that the above gives a reasonably fair and impartial account of the situation. But editorially let's add this: Harry Bridges' big union is running into stormy waters. The natural sympathy of all labor people for fellow workers on strike, or under T-H injunction preventing them from striking, is in this case mixed with other feelings. Is the leftist clique which runs this big outfit primarily interested in benefiting the members, or is it painstakingly remembering Joe Stalin's desire to do everything possible to cripple the European Recovery Program? Warehouses and ships are important in that connection. The answer doubtless is that the men in both the warehouses and on the 'shore have genuine grievances, but that certain leftist leaders wouldn't mind exploiting those grievances for the benefit of you-know-whom.)

Flynn Forces Win In East Bay Union

Oakland CIO utility workers have accepted a 5-cent hourly wage increase settlement with the Pacific Gas & Electric Company, retroactive to April 1.

At the same time the membership meeting ousted a business agent, Lee Seymour, who has belonged to the same faction as International Representative Lynn Hames and Angela Ward. The ousting of Seymour was considered a victory for the group supporting national CIO policies and favorable to Tim Flynn, successor of Harry Bridges as Northern California CIO regional director.

8 Cents Accepted, So No Key Strike

The AFL Carmen's Division 192 voted Monday 988 to 254 to accept the Key System management's offer of an 8-cent hourly across-the-boards wage boost, with an additional 2 cents to be added December 1.

The 988 to 254 vote was cast by the operating employes, President E. F. Henson of Division 192 said, the maintenance employes belonging to the division having already voted to accept the offer if approved by the operating workers.

The new scale means $1.39 for operating employes, and from $1.31 to $1.69 for maintenance workers. It affects about 2500 Key System workers.

Under the new agreement, extra board workers are now guaranteed pay on a 44-hour week basis instead of on a 40-hour basis.

The negotiations have been prolonged. At one time the union voted to strike June 1, but Mayor Joseph E. Smith called management and union representatives together and it was agreed that the strike would be deferred with more negotiations being taken up immediately.

Last year the union struck for 18 days, and the entire Key System was tied up during that period.

The Central Labor Council through a special committee kept in close touch with the negotiations.

Housing Proposal Will Be on Ballot

With the filing of 82,237 signatures on supplemental petitions, the California Housing Initiative was assured a place on November's ballot, according to Hal Wise, State Director of the California Housing Initiative Committee.

"We qualified 181,620 signatures on the first filing a month ago," Wise said, "We needed 23,052 good signatures on the second filing. A filing of 82,000 gives us more than enough."

The Housing Initiative would create a State Housing Agency, much the same as is now in operation in several other states. The Agency would be empowered to loan money and credit to Local Housing Authorities for the construction of low-rental housing.

INITIATIVE NECESSARY

Under the proposed law, each application for housing loans must bear the approval of the local city council. The State Agency would also be permitted to loan money to non-profit housing corporations for the construction of middle-income housing.

The committee, whose chairman is the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. O'Dwyer, Archdiocian Director of Charities in Los Angeles, declared that the need for decent housing within the financial reach of those who need it is still the number one domestic problem in the State of California.

"Our legislators have not seen fit to adequately deal with this problem," spokesmen of the committee stated, "We have used the initiative method to bring housing out of the smoke-filled, real estate lobby dominated caucus rooms of our legislature, directly to the people. We are confident of victory in November."

CONFERENCE JUNE 26

The Housing Initiative will be the only initiative measure on November's ballot that was qualified for the ballot completely by volunteer circulation.

In announcing qualification of the measure for the November ballot, the committee simultaneously issued a call to a State Wide Housing Conference to be held in Fresno, June 26 and 27. The purpose of the conference is to review California's housing situation and to plan for the fall election campaign.

Representatives from labor, veterans' organizations, womens' clubs, minority and church groups will attend. San Francisco's District Attorney Edmund G. "Pat" Brown will be the keynote speaker. Approximately 500 delegates from over thirty counties in the state are expected to attend.

SENATE FINANCE Committee has been asked, by its own citizen's advisory committee, to extend the protection of federal insurance beyond the aged and survivors of wage earners to those who are disabled permanently and totally.—(LPA)

Special Notice!

To Members of Painters' Local 127

The next meeting of the local to be held on Thursday June 24 will be a special called meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. Several contests for important offices will be decided and all brothers are urged to attend this most important meeting.

JAMES KINSIR,
Recording Secretary

Paint Makers 1101 Are Making Strike Decisions Today

The executive board of Paint Makers Local 1101 meets today (Friday) to determine whether enough progress has been made in negotiations with 15 East Bay firms to warrant delaying or calling off the strike authorized recently by the membership.

Business Representative Paul Kopke and Assistant Business Representative Paul Nicely said that Secretary Robert S. Ash of the Central Labor Council has been sitting in with the union negotiators, and that some progress has been made.

The membership at the largest meeting the local ever held voted enthusiastically to authorize the executive board, to call a strike if the wage demands are not met.

Daniel Tobin Pays Tribute to Memory of John O'Connell

(International Teamsters' President Daniel J. Tobin published in the International Teamster the following tribute to the late John A. O'Connell, for 35 years secretary of the San Francisco Central Labor Council.)

It was with sorrow that we received news from San Francisco of the death of one of the finest men who ever held membership in the Teamsters' Union—John O'Connell, a lifelong member of Local No. 85 and for many years recording secretary or the legislative agent of the Trades and Labor Council of San Francisco.

Everyone who ever knew Jack O'Connell loved him, respected him and was always anxious to meet him again. He was the life of any party. He had a faculty of telling stories that nobody else possessed.

He was my intimate friend for nearly 40 years. At one time I wanted him to go to work for the International Union but he turned it down. He did not want to leave his beloved San Francisco.

ABLE DEBATER

Jack O'Connell was a brilliant speaker, an able debater and in serving the many unions affiliated with the San Francisco Labor Council, he knew his way around better than anyone I have ever met in my life.

For instance, if he went in to discuss a matter affecting the Garment Workers, the Coopers, or any other trade, he knew the conditions and he knew the manufacturers. He could recite all the facts which he held on the tips of his fingers, no matter who he was dealing with on the manufacturers' side.

He also knew the labor representatives and he did not hesitate to tell some of "those babies," as he called them, where to get off when they were going too far with either a strike or a threatened strike.

SPOKE HIS MIND

That is why he was exceptional, because he always had the courage to speak his mind and he had the advantage of knowing everybody both in business and in labor all around San Francisco. He knew the personal history of every member of the state legislature and he did not hesitate to tell them what they owed to labor and what they could expect if they double-crossed their friends.

Those of our delegates who were at the International convention in San Francisco last August can remember how active he was and how helpful he was to all of us. He never said "No" to any member of our union on anything that he was able to do to help them.

He also went through the convention of the American Federation of Labor in October and I have no hesitancy in saying to you that President Green, Secretary Meany and nearly all members of the executive council fell back on Jack O'Connell when any perplexing question arose.

AN HUMBLE MAN

I can see him now addressing our convention and telling his funny stories which he intermingled with some real facts pertaining to our organization.

When I received the message of his death I was at home laid up with a cold for a few days and this sad news set me back a day or two.

He was an humble man. He never had any money to speak of because he never received a large salary. But he was a real man, the salt of humankind and one of the most reliable, trustworthy, sincere trade unionists that I have met during my lifetime.

AFL Resists WFTU Special ILO Role

The International Labor Organization's conference, with Government, management, and labor representatives present from 55 nations, got under way in San Francisco this week.

Frank Fenton, AFL spokesman on international affairs, is vigorously resisting efforts of the World Federation of Trade Unions, which the AFL alleges to be Russian-dominated, from establishing a special relationship with the ILO. Fenton represents American labor at the conference.

The ILO was originally part of the League of Nations structure, but is now part of the United Nations organization.

Central Valley Friends Await Truman Action

[EDITORIAL]

The U. S. Senate passed Monday night a $442,179,098 Interior Department Appropriations bill.

More than half of the funds are earmarked for Western reclamation projects. But the Senate adopted the amendment which would have the result of ousting Reclamation Commissioner Michael Straus and Regional Reclamation Director Richard L. Boke of Sacramento.

Since the House had previously adopted this same ouster amendment, it means that the Republican-dominated Congress has now put President Truman on the spot: if he vetoes the measure in order to save the vigorous and honest administrative officials, he is put in the position of killing all appropriations for the Department of Interior. But if he fails to veto the measure, the funds will be administered by officials more acceptable to the Pacific Gas & Electric Company and such outfits.

The California State Federation of Labor has placed itself strongly in opposition to the reactionary scheme for serving the Power Trust by ousting Straus and Boke. Throughout the West and throughout the country as a whole there will be great interest in what action the President takes.

Incidentally, the Congress has wedged a similar scheme for ousting good officials into the Rivers and Harbors appropriations measure, in regard to the Neches project in Texas.

Central Valley advocates who know what the PG&E is up to are keenly interested in the President's course of action.

Muni Wages to Rise But Not the Fares

Members of the AFL Carmen's Union and the CIO Transport Workers operating buses and streetcars on the Municipal Railway in San Francisco are expected to get a 10-cent hourly increase under the scale fixed by a charter formula. The average of the two highest wages paid on other transit system in the State is under the charter made the scale in San Francisco.

Muni operators receive $1.368 an hour. Union officials told the city authorities that two other transit systems have established scales of $1.52 and $1.40, respectively.

Large downtown taxpaying organizations in San Francisco, when the wage hike came up for consideration, said the fare should be made ten cents straight. The present fare is three tokens for a quarter.

Mayor Robinson answers the business groups with this:

"I am opposed to a fare increase until we give the people good transportation."

Truman Draws Crowd Here; Warren's Men At GOP Convention

With the Republican convention opening in Philadelphia next Monday, and with President Truman in the Bay Area last weekend, interest in politics was decidedly warming up in this vicinity.

The Republicans in California backing Governor Warren as a "dark horse" candidate were putting the final touches on their campaign to interest delegates from other States, and Democrats were congratulating themselves on the seeming success of President Truman's visit here.

The President spoke to huge crowds at the University of California graduation ceremony Saturday in Berkeley, and at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco Sunday. The Democratic convention will open in Philadelphia July 12.

E. Bay Communist Loses Court Appeal

The State District Court of Appeals has denied Wesley Bodkin, labor secretary of the Alameda County Communist Party, a writ of habeas corpus.

Bodkin had sought the writ to free himself from a 90-day jail sentence imposed in Emeryville last September after arrest while talking to a group of workers outside a plant.

Bodkin contended free speech was denied by the ordinance under which he was arrested. The court held that the right of free speech does not include the holding of meetings anywhere in violation of city ordinances.

Jewelers' Local 36 Strikes 17 Firms

Richard Parino, business agent of Jewelers Local 36, has notified the Central Labor Council that the local's strike against 17 shops in the Bay Area, three of them in Oakland, has begun. The strike was sanctioned by the International Jewelry Workers Union and the Alameda and San Francisco Central Labor Councils.

The Oakland shops struck are Associated Jewelry, Harry Kahan, both at 477 15th street, and Joseph Singerman, 510 15th street. The other 14 shops are in San Francisco.

All the struck shops are members of California Jewelry Crafts.

Rumford Wins On Assembly Recount

Byron Rumford has won the Democratic nomination in the 17th Assembly District and will in the final election in November face Edgar S. Hurley, who won the Republican nomination in the primary.

The fact that Rumford and not Hurley had won the Democratic nomination was revealed through a recent recount of the figures on the precinct tally sheets made by the Board of Supervisors at Rumford's request.

The figures announced immediately after the primary election June 1 indicated that Hurley had won both the Republican and Democratic nomination.

Rumford immediately protested and called for a recount.

THE NEW FIGURES

The new figures for the Democratic nomination show:

Byron Rumford—7274.
Edgar S. Hurley—7008
Raymond R. Colliver—5292.

This shows a gain of 497 votes for Rumford as the result of the rechecking of the tally sheets.

Colliver, who was the candidate endorsed by the AFL Educational League, told The Labor Journal after the result of the recheck was announced:

"I'm for Byron Rumford 100 percent, and shall certainly do all I can to get those who voted for me in the primary to vote for Rumford in the November 2 final election."

REPUBLICAN FIGURES

In the race for the Republican nomination, the final figures for the primary showed:

Hurley—3803.
Rumford—3291.
Colliver—2407.

Rumford's friends point out that a study of the figures for both nomination races shows:

1—For the Democratic nomination, the combined vote of Rumford and Colliver was 12,566 to Hurley's 7008.

2—For the Republican nomination, Rumford came within 512 votes of Hurley; and the combined vote of Colliver and Rumford for the Republican nomination was 5698 to Hurley's 3803.

3—For the two nominations, the total vote cast for Rumford and Colliver was 18,264 to Hurley's 10,811.

ENDORSEMENT UP LATER

Hurley is a member of the International Brotherhood of Electricians, and received the support of Charles W. Real, business representative of Oakland Teamsters, Local 70, and some other AFL people.

Rumford, a pharmacist, is very well known in AFL circles, and Colliver told The Labor Journal that he believed Rumford in the final election would receive heavy AFL support.

The question of endorsement will go before the AFL Educational League, the political organization formed by unions affiliated with the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council.

Rumford is one of the best known Negro leaders in the area. The 17th Assembly District has a large number of Negro voters. Of the 226 precincts in it, 62 precincts have white voters almost exclusively, a considerable number of precincts are about 50-50 white and Negro, and still other precincts are almost entirely Negro, or more than 75 per cent Negro.

Reynolds and Ash Talk With Truman

President Truman on Sunday at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco talked with two AFL East Bay men, Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash, and Building Trades Council Business Representative J. C. Reynolds.

Both men were favorably impressed by the President's personality.

"Mr. Truman has a million dollars worth of personality," said Ash. "If he had time to get around and see more people, he'd win the election without a doubt."

Reynolds and Ash, along with AFL leaders from other areas, were introduced to the President by President John F. Shelley of the State Federation of Labor.

The President was asked if he had time to answer a few questions about labor, and after consulting his schedule he said he'd take the time anyway.

Asked about the Taft-Hartley Law, Mr. Truman said his advice to organized labor would be not to bother with asking for amendment of the T-H Law, but to elect a Congress that would repeal the measure outright.

"You folks have done a fair job around here," Mr. Truman said, "but a whole lot better job will still have to be done to get the people to understand the situation."

When asked about Central Valley Project, the President said that he was for it 100 percent, and that more money was needed to finish it in thorough fashion.

Union Warns Prices May Soon Rise More

WASHINGTON (LPA) — The CIO, through its representatives at a meeting with the President's Council of Economic Advisers, predicted that prices will again be on the rise during the next few months. And, the CIO economists warned, the U. S. seems "to be building only a patchwork quilt with no overall plan for building and maintaining a full production, full employment economy."

Hayward Carpenter Picnic Big Event Sunday, June 20th

The kids as well as grown folks are in for a big time at the second annual picnic, Sunday, June 20, at the Hidden Valley ranch, midway between Mission San Jose and Warm Springs, according to Charles A. Roe, chairman of publicity and prizes for the picnic committee of Hayward Carpenters Local 1622.

The kids will have five events to work up an appetite prior to noon, it was said, with worthwhile prizes for first and second in each event. Children from 6 years of age to 14 will have a chance to prove what they can do in the sack races, three legged races, potato pace and contests of such caliber.

The featured attraction of the afternoon will be the free rodeo staged at the ranch arena, with five events on broncs and bulls by professionals taking the spotlight. The carpenters will come in for a couple of laughs when members vie against one another in the ever pleasing greenhorn calf tying and bull dogging events.

As an added attraction, the Cary family of Castro Valley, will stage their exhibition of trick and fancy roping in the arena. The four Carys, headed by father Ed, include the three boys, Eddie, 13 years old; Ellis, nine years old, and Jimmy, only six. Athough the youngest, Jimmy has piled up an enviable record among trick and fancy ropers for his natural ability and grace. He will assist his father, and might even show the old man a couple of tricks.

A free baseball game, free dancing and free swimming round out the list of attractions at the picnic, according to the committee, headed by A. B. Dawson and Wm. J. Gilmour, co-chairmen of the affair. Others on the committee include Eric Hoyer and D. F. Rider, program; Roe, publicity and prizes; G. L. Kephart, tickets; L. F. Black, parking; Bill Noia, chuck wagon; Charles Allen, first aid; Leslie L. Williams, finance, and George Barrett, recording secretary.

Carpenters and their friends are planning to attend in great numbers.

Booklet on Warren For President Put Out by State GOP

An Earl Warren for President booklet has been issued, including the California Republican Party's bid for delegates from other states, as follows:

"As Republicans who share with you the responsibility for nominating a man for President of the United States whom we believe to be qualified in character, experience and competence for the great demands and obligations of that office, we submit the name of California's Governor, Earl Warren.

"If you are not committed to another candidate, or if an occasion should arise in which you shall feel free to cast your vote for a candidate other than your original choice, we respectfully and earnestly urge your consideration of the man whom the people of California have twice selected as their Governor and whom they now propose as our next President."

Unions Ask Chance To State Case in Railroad Dispute

WASHINGTON (LPA) — An effort by three "operating" Railroad Brotherhoods to knock out a government anti-strike injunction has failed in the court of Federal Justice T. Alan Goldsborough.

Attorneys for the three Brotherhoods—the Locomotive Engineers, Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, and Switchmen — devoted a day's arguments to trying to convince Judge Goldsborough that both the government seizure of the railroads and the subsequent injunction were illegal—and in direct violation of the Railway Labor Act.

Goldsborough was not impressed. Continuing his unbroken record of issuing injunctions in recent labor cases, he granted the government's motion for a preliminary injunction to replace a temporary restraining order which had previously been in effect.

However, he held off acting on the government's request for a permanent injunction, and said he would set separate hearings on that issue within the next few days.

Meanwhile, the three Brotherhoods sought a quick Senate investigation of their wage-rules dispute with the railroads, as well as of the government handling of the controversy.

ORGANIZED LABOR was the most powerful force supporting Sen. Arthur Vandenberg's (R., Mich.) fight against the attempt of the isolationists to undercut the Marshall plan for European recovery.—

Nothing Personal

This Labor-Management Chest Liaison Committee is getting to be quite a hands-across-the-canyon institution, with labor, management, religion, sociology, etc., sitting down together and getting used to one another. On the management side, people like Jack Bagnall of Moore Drydock, Ed Slusser of the East Bay Motorcar Dealers, W. Paul Reagor of the Albert Brown Mortuaries, Henriette Horak of United Employers, Inc. On the labor side, folks like O. R. Stephenson of Automotive Machinists 1546, Secretary Robert S. Ash of the Central Labor Council, John Gardiner of a Railway Brotherhood, William Daniels of the CIO Redcaps, Ed Clancy of the AFL Periodical Drivers, Ken Hunter of the CIO Steelworkers.

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Religion is in the chair at these sessions. Right Reverend Monsignor Hammond of St. Anthony's presides, and keeps everything in good tone. As for sociology, we nominate our own Lew C. G. Blix, so often seen at Central Labor Council meetings. But in his capacity as Chest sociologist he doesn't wear a big AFL banner across his breast, though of course he keeps it in his heart. For his Chest job is to be all kinds of labor to all the branches of the tree of labor. He has to be an AFL-CIO-Railway-Brotherhood-Independent Machinists man rolled into one big bunch of affability and efficiency.

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Some folks think that the Chest is going through a kind of crucial period these days. Originally the idea was that all the many campaigns that used to be waged from door to door and hand to mouth would get put into one container labeled Chest, and that would be that. But there are getting to be a good many campaigns that are run outside the big tent. There's one thing sure, though—the Chest has been able to get a lot of cooperation between labor, management, and the other elements in the community. People who fight on sight in one section of their lives get along well together in the Chest work for the whole community.

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There was plenty of excitement in labor circles this week over the news that Byron Rumford has won, after all, the Democratic nomination in the 17th Assembly District. No use saying much more about it—the news item isn't exactly buried in THIS paper!

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Charlie Roe of Hayward Carpenters 1622 has been mighty busy lately getting that big picnic for carpenters and their friends lined up for this coming Sunday June 20 at Hidden Valley ranch, between Mission San Jose and Warm Springs. It's expected to be something that'll knock the scaffolding out from under all previous events. And speaking of Hayward Carpenters 1622 and also of civic community projects such as were mentioned above in connection with the Chest, Les Williams, financial secretary of Hayward Carpenters, is receiving a lot of compliments for the way he worked on the project of putting over the Eden Township people's hospital which was approved by the voters in the primary election. There were all sorts of obstacles, but they got knocked over one by one, and soon there'll be a hospital to show for the struggle.

Omstead Does Well After Operation

Charles Omstead, secretary of Retail Food Clerks Local 870, was on the operating table for two hours Tuesday, and will be in the hospital for some time.

At the time The Labor Journal went to press, it was believed that the operation had been a complete success.

Small Contractors Unaffected by T-H

WASHINGTON (LPA) — An NLRB trial examiner has ruled that small building contractors are not covered by the Taft-Hartley law. He said that the "effect of this business on interstate commerce is both remote and slight."

Examiner Horace A. Ruckel pointed out that altho Congress when it enacted the Taft-Hartley law was concerned with preventing jurisdictional strikes in the building trades, it did not intend that the NLRB should take jurisdiction over every contractor in the construction industry.

At issue was a case in which Walter J. Mentzer, a plastering contractor, and himself a member of the Operative Plasterer's International-AFL, entered into a verbal "closed shop" agreement with his own local.

Mentzer does a gross annual business of about $33,000 a year—all in Pittsburgh. Ruckel said that if his business affects interstate commerce 'then so do those of nearly every corner drug store and neighborhood bakery in the country."

He dismissed the complaint brought by a non-union worker whom Mentzer had discharged.

The examiner's ruling, at least by inference, disputes the contention of General Counsel Robert Denham, who thinks that the "closed shop" is outlawed throughout the construction industry, and who has decised elaborate plans for NLRB polls to authorize building trades unions to bargain for the union shop.

Inside News of A. F. L. Labor Unions and Auxiliary Organizations

STROKES FROM THE BRUSH
By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

The following brothers on the sick list at the present time: W. H. Brookshire, Walter Miller, Angelo Sanchez, Grant Ellis, James Hood, Loren Gaulter, John Giacolletti, Andrew Larsen, Thomas Valpey, B. J. Rose, Thomas Morgan, A. Beaudette, B. B. Major, Ralph Wood, E. H. Fullmer, Eddie Smilovitz, and Oren Ferguson. I wish to apologize to brother James McLennan. It seems as though I have had him on the sick list for the past month when in reality he is well and in good shape.

Last meeting night was nomination for officers and several contests have developed. For the office of Treasurer we have two brothers running. Brother Walter Cavanaugh who has held the spot for many years, is being opposed by brother Harry Thomas. The office of recording secretary now held by brother James Kinsir is being contested by brother Floyd Peaslee and the office of business representative held by brother (Tiny) Breakfield being opposed by brother Jacque Bodelle. With the above contests being decided at our next meeting we should have a good representative gathering. All brothers are urged to attend the special meeting next Thursday at which time the entertainment committee is putting on one of our regular blowouts.

Also at the meeting last Thursday brother Harry Boughton was presented with his life membership card. May I offer my congratulations to brother Boughton! The chairman presented brother Edgar Gulbranson with a bronze plaque for his honor award in winning the panel contest held by the State Joint Apprentice Committee in Santa Barbara last month. Again congratulations to brother Gulbranson.

Arrangements are going ahead for our annual picnic to be held this year on Sunday, July 18 at Mission San Jose Park. A fine program is being worked up including races and contests for the kiddies, dancing all afternoon, swimming etc. This is one time when we have to ask the wives to help us. In the past we found that the brothers do not take much interest in picnics but this year the wives are telling the old man that he is taking them to the picnic this year, or else.

Work is holding up fine with all the brothers working and the outlook for the summer is very good. However we are starting early and advising the brothers to get into a steady shop and stay there so that they will be all set for next winter. The new wage is being paid in all shops so far as we know and the new agreements should be off the press and ready for our next meeting.

The office is working under a handicap by virtue of our little secretary being on her vacation. Regular hours will resume next Monday.

See you at the special meeting Thursday at which time you may pay your third quarters dues.

'WATCH IT' WITH WATCHMAKERS
By GEORGE F. ALLEN

The Pacific Coast Council held its semi-annual meeting Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13 in Sacramento. Two important issues which will effect the Watchmakers were discussed—The stabilization of the Watch Crystal Industry on the Pacific Coast and the Licensing of Watchmakers in California.

Another attempt will be made to work out a coast-wide program for the crystal industry even though the first attempt last April had to be postponed.

The question of licensing watchmakers in California was discussed at a session attended exclusively by the Watchmakers Unions of California present at the meeting. It was decided to hold another meeting in Los Angeles within approximately 30 days. This will give the Locals an opportunity to discuss the problems involved as well as deciding if the Watchmakers want the Licensing Law. If the majority of the Locals vote for such a Law and are willing to assume the expense, then the meeting in Los Angeles will bring about plans for such a Licensing Law.

If the Watchmakers oppose a Licensing law then the Los Angeles meeting will make plans to oppose any effort that may be made to License watchmakers. This is a most serious decision to make and I would request that all the members who are not on vacation attend the June 24th meeting of our Union when the matter will be voted upon.

Do you know that if you or your wife are over 65 and working that you are enttiled to a lower income tax deduction, that is your withholding tax taken out of your pay check each week? The Income Tax Law as revised April, 1948 allows for the reduction. You must fill out a new deduction slip number W-4 revised April, 1948. Your employer should have such forms or call the Union office. Perhaps you know of a relative or friend who is entitled to this new deduction and does not know it. Call it to their attention.

We have just run across a situation regarding one of our school apprentices that is most unfortunate. After giving the boy 2 years training and placing him on a job as a three year apprentice we found out he was color-blind. He cannot distinguish the different gold colors. We are doing our best to place him in a clock repairing or an instrument repairing job. We are learning as we go along and will profit by experience.

STEAMFITTERS' NOTES, No. 342

We now have an increasing number of members who have accident cases pending with the Industrial Accident Commission. These cases call for expert legal advice so that the injured member will receive the correct and just awards.

At the regular meeting of July 1, Mayor Joseph E. Smith will give a talk regarding the problems of Compensation Insurance and he will answer any questions that may be asked. The law firm of Smith and Parrish have handled quite a number of injury cases for our members and they are legal experts on Workmen's Compensation. Other crafts have already retained the firm of Smith and Parrish to represent their members on Compensation injuries. Let's all come to this meeting and acquaint ourselves with this very important subject.

I received a letter from Brother James Martin who is working in Venezuela, stating that Brothers Emigh, Biddle, Larson, Baker and Butler are enjoying their work and they like the climate very much. They all send "hellos" to the membership of L. U. 342. They expect to be back before Christmas.

I'll be seeing you all at our next meeting Thursday, July 1st, at 8:00 P. M. Come and meet and hear Mayor Joseph E. Smith. It's very important.

Your Business Representative,
LOU KOVACEVICH

DRESSING ROOM CHATTER
(Theatrical Employee's)

The final meeting of the month will be held on the 4th Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. The date is May 26.

The majority of material for this column is submitted by the members and consequently it can be just as newsy and informative as you want to help make it.

If anyone in your theatre is getting married, having a baby, taking a vacation, drop a line to the union office or phone us and we will attempt to publicize it. Remember, names make news, and the more names and variety of places we hear from the wider coverage we can give you.

From time to time we hear a complaint that some names or theatres recur quite frequently while others seldom appear. Well it's up to you. As you can see, some of the houses have excellent press secretaries. Every member is appointed a committee of one to inform the members in the other houses as to what the latest news may be.

We received an interesting parody on the current popular song "Nature Boy" from one of the members who prefers to remain anonymous:

There was a man, a very strange enchanted man they called Mr. X.,
They say he wandered far, and in his wanderings the public he did vex,
A little sly, and wide of eye—but not so wise was he.
And then one day, that magic day he spoke to me;
This is what he said to me:
"Though service should be as the customers desire,
Watch that budget, or you I will fire.
For to me the greatest thing you'll ever learn is to take the public at every turn
And let them burn."

What a sad commentary that the author of this piece has crystalized the attitude of so many places of amusement toward the theatre going public who will rebel and strike back by not hitting the box office with their hard earned coin.

Up and down the aisle . . . C. H. Smith and Al Scheuremann back on the job at the Neptune after an early vacation . . . Helen Kessler, formerly head usherette at the Paramount, doing the vacation relief for Frances Johnson at the Hopkins . . . Don Cornish has replaced Bill Pelkey as assistant to John Parsons at the Telenews . . . Betty Hilliker, veterans Central cashier, leaving after all these years to become a mother . . . Readon Runco and Madaline Inchiera are now the regular cashiers as Lucy Ellis also recently left . . . Winona Araujo in to take a withdrawal after consuming a banana special at Fenton's creamery . . . Doris Payne being dispatched to the Telenews for an interview . . . Betty Virgilio in to be cleared for the Orpheum . . . Doris Grant of the Chimes making application for membership . . . A nice representation of Richmond employes in the office the past week . . . Fred DeFreitas, replacing Charlie Glasser on the Paramount door . . . Jim Hughes and Wes Stone, back from Hollywood, but quick . . . Wes is the new floorman at the Fruitvale . . . Phillip Fey replacing Jack Allen at the Broadway on the all night shift . . . Norma Rodriques of the Palace celebrating another birthday . . . Janet Harper of the Oaks attending her first meeting . . . Comfort gave way to the moderne motif at the Fox Oakland recently when all new loges were installed . . . Eddie Chew says he's engaged to the sweetest girl this side of China—Gladys Yee . . . Which reminds us cupid has been working overtime at the T&D, what with Loretta Kolo, who recently withdrew and Shirley White and Margaret Haile slated to be married soon . . . Service member Dick Mead, formerly of the T&D door on furlough and dropping in the business office to let us know he will be available for theatre duty about the middle of October . . . Lil Fourmet off for a vacation in the Hawaiian Islands . . . LeOra De Lima is the latest addition to the staff at the Foothill . . . Jane Jordan, former manager of the East mont doing the nights off and slated to take over for Mrs. Goldsmith at the Rio in San Leandro, during the vacation period . . . Guy King giving a week's notice at the Broadway to move across the street to the new Peerless . . . More details on the opening of the Lux Theatre next week.

CARPENTERS' AUXILIARY No. 160

Carpenters Ladies Auxiliary No. 160 held their regular social meeting on June 11, 1948. A good attendance was noted and all entered into the spirit of the evening. The men folks joined the ladies for refreshments and all voted the evening a very happy one.

Among those present was Dora Holder, wife of Barney Holder Jr. Dora and Barney are the proud parents of a lovely baby girl nearly four weeks old. We congratulate you both, Dora and Barney. We were very glad to have Dora with us again. We hope she will be able to attend regular.

The members were all very sorry to hear that Helney Lindahl had fallen and broken her arm. This is serious for Helney as she is a lovely piano player and this will interfere with her playing. All our sympathy, Helney, and a speedy and full recovery.

We wish to announce the marriage of one of our members. Florence Benson and Art Howard of Local No. 36 were married recently. This is rather late but we wish them every happiness and the best of luck.

The Past President club will meet at the home of Esther Dedman June 16. All are looking forward to a very pleasant afternoon.

Annie and Pete Ragan are leaving next week end for their camping trip at Yosemite Park. They intended to be at Lake county but were disappointed in getting the camp site they wanted. Have a good time, Annie and Pete and take care of yourselves.

Keep in mind folks that our next business meeting, June 25 is very important and try and attend.

Remember also to buy Union with Union money. As I said before this will help us insure the future for Union Labor. What we have we must work to keep. The men earn the money and the women must spend it wisely.

MAE A. BRISTOW,
Press Correspondent.

Housing Foe Named

DETROIT (LPA)—Tenants and union members here are trying to figure out how the man who's supposed to operate the federal rent control law came to name as the new chairman of the Detroit area rent advisory board a man by the name of George Lyle.

Only a few days before the appointment, Lyle had appeared in Washington before Rep. Jesse Wolcott's House Banking Committee. Speaking for something called the "Michigan Veterans' Housing Committee," Lyle vigorously attacked the public housing provisions of the Taft-Ellender-Wagner bill. Until careful questioning by Democratic members brought out the fact that he wasn't speaking for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wolcott and Lyle teamed up to prove that VFW opposed the TEW bill.

Lyle was quickly repudiated by the national VFW. Nevertheless, Housing Expediter Tighe Woods later in the week okeyed his appointment as head of the Detroit rent board.

In view of this, Detroiters are wondering whether Woods' right hand doesn't know what his left hand does, or whether he's stooging again for the real estate interests who believe, with Wolcott, that public housing and rent control are "socialistic."



TAKES PARIS POST — Boris Shiskin, of the AFL, has been named by Economic Cooperation Administrator Paul Hoffman to head the labor division of the Paris office of ECA.—(LPA)

More Workers But Fewer Are Jobless
State Federation Service

The national supply of labor has grown much more rapidly in the past year than woud be considered normal on the basis of prewar trends, and further substantial gains may be expected in the year ahead. These are the conclusions reached in an analysis of the manpower situation just released by the Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Ewan Clague.

The statement points out that while it is not yet possible to add up the needs which may arise out of the defense measures recently adopted or under consideration, it appears that the labor supply in the coming year will be large enough to meet potential demands, although not necessarily in terms of the particular types of workers or particular labor market areas.

FEWER JOBLESS

The past year's growth in the labor force was readily absorbed by American trade and industry, so that unemployment in April was actually somewhat less than a year ago, according to both Census Bureau and unemployment compensation data. This highlights the underlying strength of the demand for additional workers, which seasonal and other temporary factors have tended to obscure. Currently, agriculture and construction are the major upward forces, with the latter exerting a greater than seasonal push. Should only seasonal and normal growth factors operate in the coming months, the total labor force (including the armed forces and the unemployed) can be expected to exceed 65 million this summer, as against the April level of 62 million and last summer's seasonal peak of 64 million.

The Census Bureau estimates an increase in the labor force of more than a million in the last 12 months, which is about a half million greater than the increase which would have been expected to occur on the basis of population changes and prewar trends in labor force growth.

MORE WOMEN WORKERS

By far the greatest part of last year's additional gain consisted of adult women, in age groups where responsibility for care of young children is not a major factor.

Currently, the "extra" persons in the labor force consist of 1¼ million women, aged 35 and older, about 1¾ million teen-aged youths (many of whom work only part-time), and more than half a million older men, who in the prewar period would have already withdrawn from the labor force.

These gains have been partially offset by "deficits" of (1) 1¼ million women in the age group 20-34, as a result of abnormally high marriage and birth rates, and (2) more than a half million veterans who would normally be working but are now attending school full time under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

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AFL Garment Union Lending $1,000,000 To State of Israel

FOREST PARK, Pa. (LPA)—In an action unprecedented in the history of trade unionism, the International Ladies Garment Workers Union-AFL has voted to loan the new State of Israel $1,000,000 from the union coffers.

"We have faith and confidence in the stability of Israel," ILG President David Dubinsky explained in announcing the union executive board's action, "and it is the desire of our members to assist wholeheartedly in this critical period of the young state's existence."

The loan is in addition to an outright gift of $220,000 which has gone to Haganah, the Jewish militia, and to Histadrut, the Jewish labor union federation in Palestine, and a total of $150,000 each to the United Jewish Appeal and the Jewish Labor Committee.

In other board actions, the ILG leaders voted to name the union's FM radio station in New York City WFDR. It also received a report that the union's retirement plan for officers will start paying benefits of about half the pensioners' regular earnings on January 1, 1949.

Man's Name Is Union Temple; Wives Ring Up

SAN JOSE, Calif. (LPA)—A man named Union Temple, listed in the phone book here, is plagued at all hours of the day and night by calls from people asking about union meetings. The night calls are usually from women checking on husbands who said they were going to a union meeting. When Mrs. Temple answers they get belligerent and want to know what SHE'S doing there. Union says he was named after a political figure back in Indiana.

Seafarers Protest NLRB Tanker Ruling

NEW YORK (LPA)—The Seafarer's International Union-AFL has objected to the NLRB's efforts to short-change the union on a bargaining unit. SIU just won a representation election with the Cities Service Co., a tanker outfit which for years resisted the unionization of its fleet.

The petition for the election included all unlicensed personnel except radio operators and pursers, who were employed on the company's ships. Now the board has ruled that the men on eight ships acquired since the election and one which didn't touch an American port during the election, don't have to be included in the bargaining.

The Seafarers have asked the NLRB to amend its decision, pointing out that in the case of the Isthmian Steamship Co., the board ruled that all unlicensed personnel on Isthmian ships came in the bargaining unit, whether the company had the ships before the election or not.

East Bay AVC Head Tells Allen House Blockades Housing

(John N. Wood, chairman of the East Bay Area Council of the American Veterans Committee, recently sent the following letter to Congressman John J. Allen, Jr., who represents the 7th Congressional District, part of Alameda county.)

In answer to your letter of May 7 addressed to the editor of the American Veterans Chronicle detailing your reasons for failing to sign up the discharge petition for the Taft-Ellender-Wagner Housing Bill and to your statements to Richard L. Hawkins, Managing Editor of the AVC "Bulletin," when he recently visited you, to the effect that you are "opposed to public housing," we wish to respectfully urge you consider the following facts and reconsider your decision in this matter.

With due respect to the House Committee on Banking and Currency and its right to decide "what matters are first to be considered,"

1. AVC feels that the several years the committee has delayed considering the measure is reasonably ample to deserve some positive action—if not by the committee itself, then by energetic and representative Congressmen;
2. AVC feels that such indune respect for the Committee's (or at least Chairman Wolcott's) "discretion" thwarts the very processes of democracy by delaying House consideration of a remedy for one of the most pressing domestic problems;
3. AVC feels that Senate passage of the measure twice (the House has failed to even consider it) and its co-sponsorship by Senators Taft and Ellender should allay any fear of socialism or radicalism;
4. AVC knows that veterans and many other citizens right here in the Seventh Congressional District desperately need housing—and that the present Congress (or at least the House) has failed to even give it a moment's attention:

And finally, Congressman Allen, we urge that you join with the three other Bay Area Congressmen (Havenner, Welch, and Miller) who have already taken affirmative action and thus present a solid support for low cost housing. We again urge you to support the T-E-W Housing Bill and attempt to effectuate action before the present session ends.

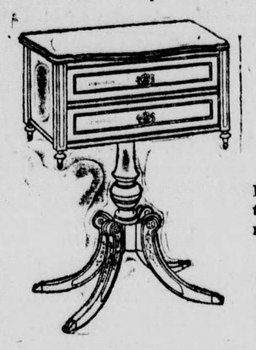
Not Complying

DENVER (LPA)—The Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers-CIO has decided, at an enlarged session of its National Wage Policy Committee, to continue to refuse to comply with the Taft-Hartley law. Signing the non-Communist affidavits, the majority decided after two days of hot debate, "would solve none of our problems." Board member Ken Eckert of Cleveland pressed for T-H compliance, and was supported by Vice President Wesley Madill.

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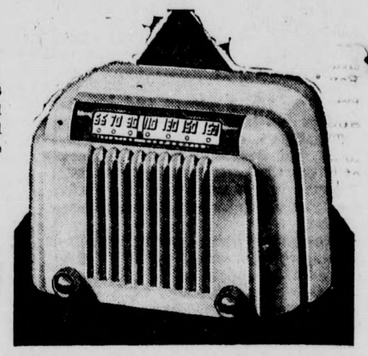
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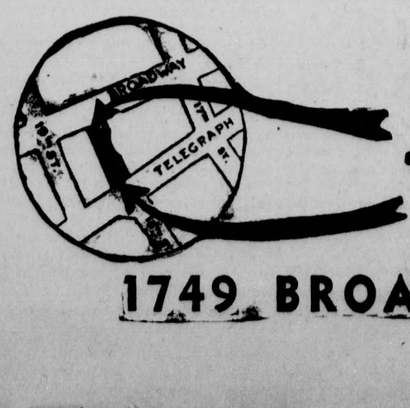
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The Oakland Observer

Once again San Francisco has made an overture to Oakland—this time it came from no less source than Mayor Robinson when he spoke before the San Francisco Rotary Club and suggested that a "non-political San Francisco Bay Port Authority" be established.

"There are but two courses open," said Robinson, "competition or cooperation. I should like to see a Bay Port Authority setup like the New York Port Authority, as I see it the Authority should cover all ports on the Bay and should have complete jurisdiction over them." Robinson went on to say that if the East Bay cities want competition he, Robinson, is prepared to demand from the State Legislature the return of control on San Francisco's harbor to that city. In conclusion Robinson reiterated, "If there is to be competition, we shall compete on our own terms."

Well!

A GLEAM IN EYE

In view of the fact that the Oakland Board of Port Commissioners have already indicated a multi-million dollar, long range plan for expansion and development of Oakland's harbor facilities, and that we have a God-given harbor potentially that exceeds anything on the California coast, we will give Mayor Robinson an "A" for effort.

San Francisco's dock space has about reached its limit and, lacking room for expansion, there is little wonder that Mayor Robinson eyes our extensive waterfront, endowed with natural rail and air terminals, with an acquisitive gleam.

San Francisco's repeated bright ideas on Bay-wide mass transportation schemes, transcontinental train crossings, Reber Plan, etc., lead us to believe that the great cosmopolitan city across the bay realizes that industrial expansion must come from the East side of the Bay in the future. Thus, the paternal attitude toward helping the "lesser Bay area cities" solve their municipal problems.

SUSPICION FELT

The Oakland City Council agreed to listen to Marvin Lewis, chairman of the San Francisco-East Bay Transit Committee, on the bay-wide transportation scheme. The City Council has already repudiated the bay-wide plan by a vote of 7 to 2. It was felt by the majority of the Council that the municipally owned lines in San Francisco have not been able to solve their own problems, or able to satisfy their own customers, and it would be unwise to add their headaches to ours. We heartily uphold this stand.

This persistent wooing by San Francisco can be viewed, we believe, with suspicion. There is nothing altruistic behind these inter-community schemes and we are mindful of the old saw, "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em"!

Don't Picket a Man When He's Down, is Teamster Decision

International Teamster

Refusing to picket a man when he is down, Local No. 536 of Hartford withdrew its pickets from the food store of Albert H. Hodgetts.

Hodgetts was injured in an automobile accident on May 17 which hospitalized him. The following day Secretary-Treasurer Henry C. Dauphinais of Local No. 536 withdrew the pickets.

The store had been picketed by the Teamsters because it was selling the milk of the General Ice Cream dairies against which the union has been on strike since March 2, when the corporation imported non-union men to take the jobs of the union men then at work.

On learning of the accident, Mr. Dauphinais declared a truce so far as Hodgetts' store was concerned.

"He has enough trouble," the union official explained.

Woll Urges Murray To Pull His Union Out of the WFTU

NEW YORK (LPA) — Matthew Woll, AFL vice president and chairman of its international relations committee, has been continuing his efforts to persuade CIO President Philip Murray to withdraw the CIO from the World Federation of Trade Unions. He has repeatedly charged that the WFTU is Communist dominated.

The AFL leader first wrote the CIO chief on this subject May 4, and suggested that the CIO join the AFL in setting up a new world labor organization free of the "pernicious fifth column of the Kremlin dictators."

On May 18 Murray replied that he regretted the AFL's absence from the WFTU, and said that "if the AFL had joined with the CIO in the WFTU the position of the free unions espousing a democratic position within that organization would have been strengthened."

This elicited from Woll the comment that it would be unthinkable for the AFL to enter an organization in which Communist-led unions are active.

"When free trade unions like the CIO enter into pacts or partnerships or international alliances with 'unions' which are actually departments of the totalitarian Communist party, they only paralyze their own freedom and capacity for action in behalf of the cause of democracy and trade unionism the world over," Woll said.

The AFL leader concluded: "By disassociating from the would-be wreckers of the Marshall plan and the Kremlin's Communist brigades dominating the WFTU, the CIO would render a great service not only to the early attainment of the unity of American labor but to the cause of democracy and peace everywhere."

AFL GOVERNMENT Employes Council, which represents half a million Federal workers, again demanded an $800 increase for all employes and said that if Congress does not enact pay legislation before it adjourns, the blame will rest squarely on the shoulders of the GOP leaders.—(LPA)

AFL People Active In Preparation for World Affairs Meet

Two men very well known in AFL circles here were active this week in helping with preparations for the Institute of International Relations to be held at Mills College June 20 to 28.

Jeffery Cohelan, secretary of Milk Drivers and Dairy Employes, Local 302, is a member of the general committee of the Institute, as is Dr. Buell G. Gallagher, who in the recent primary won the Democratic nomination for Congress in the 6th District.

Speakers acquainted with affairs in all parts of the world will discuss such subjects as sources of Chinese Communism, India's contribution to the new age, Czecho-Slovakia "three months afterwards," etc.

Dr. Gallagher will speak on "Color in the World Scene," the evening of June 24.

A spokesman for the Institute writes to The Labor Journal: "We are very much interested in having a good representation of labor people attending the Institute as we believe that international affairs are labor's affairs, too. So we hope that you will cooperate in giving space to our story."

Certain lectures are 75 cents for attendance, and nine evening lectures can be attended for a fee of $5.

Full details can be had by telephoning WEst 1-1825.

Political Circus Starts on June 21

By M. H. HEDGES
LPA Columnist

WASHINGTON — The four-year political circus is about to open its season in Philadelphia, with the national conventions. From now on, the red-fire, the panoply of processions, noisy bands, parade of clowns will dazzle the eye—and make it hard for any citizen to pick a real leader for the crucial four years ahead. But Americans will try.

Over the years the electorate has done pretty well about picking good men. The issues—war or peace, prosperity or depression, liberty or oppression—are momentous. Fortunately, Americans are learning that **they can do** something about economics, by the way they vote. This year above all years, they need to be right.

Some of the issues have already got out into the open. Here are some.

(1) Cooperation with European countries having labor governments. There is considerable strength on the right for the view that because a government calls itself socialist, we should pass it by. The test, of course, is: does the socialist government stand for civil liberty? If it does, it belongs with the democracies, not with the totalitarian states.

(2) Shall public power be wrecked by underhanded measures, like riders on appropriations bills?

(3) Shall snooping campaigns drive good men out of the government?

(4) Shall planning be advanced as a great tool of progress?

(5) Shall social security be widened and strengthened, or curtailed and sabotaged?

(6) Shall popular education be open to all including labor?

These issues will be present at every gathering of candidates in the coming months. The danger is that concentration on presidential candidates, to the neglect of congressional, will be the order of the day. This is a natural error. It is not likely to bring results. Considering the present circumstances, labor would be smart to concentrate on congressional candidates in an effort to change the complexion of the Congress. As far as labor goes, the main show is Congress and the side show, the presidential contest.

Congress has for all intents and purposes been the government since 1946. It has aimed to be the government, and it has pretty well succeeded. Whether this has been a violation of constitutional procedures is not easily ascertained, but the Congress has moved against the executive branch, on several fronts, and has moved toward administrative control. This trend has been directly against labor and liberal policies. It should be halted; it must be halted. There is little use to send a fair, liberal man into the presidency, if a controlled, narrow, unrepresentative Congress returns to follow reactionary policies. The task of freshening up Congress is not superhuman. It can be done by an orderly, sustained, patient campaign. Precinct work, the ringing of doorbells, the shovelwork of devoted campaign workers, far away from red-fire and noisy bands, can do the work.

Social Security as A Coercive Device Resisted by Union

WINDSOR, Ontario (LPA) — Organized labor will resist "any attempts to transform unemployment insurance and public employment services from a measure of security into an instrument of coercion, depressing of wage rates and working conditions and union-busting" the International Association of Public Employment Services was told at its convention here.

Paul Sifton, National Legislative Representative of the United Auto Workers-CIO, warned that such results would follow if any of several proposals now before Congress were to become law, and break up the present federal-state systems into 51 uncoordinated and competing units.

He especially attacked the proposals on financing jobless insurance provided in the Harness bill for 100% tax offset, the MacKinnon bill which would achieve almost the same result, and proposals to remove the power of the Bureau of Employment Security and the U. S. Employment Service to set standards for job referrals to prevent strike-breaking.

He urged the unemployment insurance administrators at the convention "not to allow yourselves to be used as tools by those who would balkanize and destroy the federal-state unemployment insurance program and the public employment service.

Story of Jim Crow El Cerrito Polls Held to Be Error

The Beacon, weekly newspaper with largely a Negro circulation, listing as managing editor Claude O. Allen, candidate for Supervisor in the Fifth District, caused a mild sensation in political circles last week by publishing this item on page one:

JIM CROW POLLS IN EL CERRITO

In El Cerrito, precinct 18 on Fall Avenue, there were two ballot boxes. One for white and one for Negro voters.

All voters were made to form two lines to make sure that the ballots didn't get into the wrong boxes.

Also in precinct 19 on Victor Avenue, also in El Cerrito, Japanese, Negro, and white voters were segregated.

The wife of Willie Morris was sent to a different precinct altogether from the one Willie was sent to.

THIS SMELLS OF THE "OLD SOUTH."

The Labor Journal telephoned County Clerk W. T. Paasch of Contra Costa county at Martinez.

Paasch hadn't seen the item in the Beacon, but said it was due to a misunderstanding.

"When a precinct has a very heavy registration," he said, "the County Clerk is under State law permitted to set up two election boards at different places in the precinct, with one board handling all the names from A to M, and the other board handling all the names from N to Z.

"Evidently whoever wrote the item in the Beacon misunderstood this procedure, and jumped to unwarranted conclusions. Certainly there isn't any possibility of racial discrimination or any other kind of discrimination when the list is divided as it is on a purely alphabetical basis."

The Labor Journal called up Claude Allen, who said he had been so busy electioneering that he'd just got around to reading the item himself. He said if the item was mistaken, he'd run a correction in the Beacon. But he added that he still couldn't understand why Willie Morris' wife had to go to a polling place different from that of her husband.

Incidentally, while The Labor Journal reporter had Allen on the phone, he asked the Negro candidate what he thought was the explanation for the recent election of a Negro to the City Council of Richmond, Virginia, old-time capital of the Confederacy.

Allen pointed out that sentiment on race was not so tough in Virginia as it was, for instance, in his native State of Mississippi, that there had been some migration from Northern States into Richmond, and that, finally, there was an increasing tendency among whites to feel that if Negroes had a representative in official deliberative bodies some friction might be removed or lessened.

"I might add," he said, "that when I say some Southern States are less hostile to us than others, on the whole the difference could be summed up by saying, 'In some States they hang us, and in some States they burn us.'"

Steelworkers File Red Oath Protest

CHICAGO (LPA) — The United Steelworkers-CIO, filed its brief against the constitutionality of the non-Communist affidavit of Taft-Hartley in the federal circuit court in Chicago. It is asking the court to reverse an NLRB decision which conditioned Inland Steel's obligation to bargain with the union upon USA's filing the Communist disclaimers.

The anti-Communist union asserts that the affidavits section is "illegal, unconstitutional and void" because it violates constitutional guarantees of free speech, free press, and free assembly, and is an "arbitrary discrimination" against trade unions.



LEWIS B. SCHWELLENBACH—U. S. Secretary of Labor whose death last week was mourned by organized labor.—(LPA)

Schwellenbach Is Praised by Labor

WASHINGTON (LPA) — The death of Labor Secretary Lewis B. Schwellenbach, almost the last of the New Dealers in President Truman's cabinet, was called a "great loss" to organized labor in statements from top union officials.

Speculation as to Schwellenbach's successor was at a minimum, since the appointment would only run for seven months until a new president takes office and reorganized the cabinet. David Morse, who has served as acting head of the Labor Department most of the time since Schwellenbach became ill early this year, is expected to continue at least until President Truman's return from his national tour. However, Morse is scheduled to spend nearly all of the next month at the ILO conference in San Francisco.

"The nation has suffered a severe loss," asserted CIO President Philip Murray. "In the Senate of the U. S., on the federal bench and his position as Secretary of Labor, he rendered brilliant, self-sacrificing service to his nation and to the people."

GREEN'S COMMENT

AFL President William Green said "Secretary Schwellenbach strove courageously to bring about better relations between management and labor. His efforts to prevent the passage of anti-labor legislation and to advance social justice legislation were thwarted by a reactionary Congress which retaliated by amputating the scope and authority of the Labor Department."

Schwellenbach, who held the post as head of the Labor Department for just one month less than three years, had the unenviable job of making the change-over from the very strict wartime regulation of labor-management relations to a policy of hands of directly after the war. He then had to guide the Labor Department through the fight against the Taft-Hartley law, and adjust the department to the sharp fund slashes and anti-labor laws passed by the 80th Congress.

SUCCEEDED PERKINS

He took office on July 1, 1945, following the resignation of Labor Secretary Frances Perkins who had served ever since Franklin D. Roosevelt became president in 1933.

Schwellenbach, was, from 1935 to 1940, a Democratic member of the Senate from Washington, and took an active part in the battles which shaped such landmarks of the New Deal as the Wagner Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, the farm security and youth aid programs.

President Truman and Schwellenbach became close friends while they served together in the Senate, where they were both known as members of the young, vigorous liberal group of "Turks" who were most active on the flood and in committee in pressing for New Deal laws.

UNIONISTS are preparing to fight another drive to drastically alter the Fair Labor Standards Act. The move, spearheaded by a conference including the NAM, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, and waterfront employers, will use as its pretext a Supreme Court decision just handed down in the so-called "overtime on overtime" case —(LPA)

BTC Is Notified of Streamlined Social Security Tax Refunding

The Building Trades Council has received a letter from Herbert Rivers, secretary-treasurer of the AFL Building and Construction Trades Department which says in part:

"The matter of refunds to employes who have paid more than the maximum of $30 per year required in tax contributions for Old Age and Survivors Insurance under the Social Security Act has been particularly bothersome to members of the Building and Construction Trades Unions for the last several years. As you know, the employer takes out one per cent of the pay in each pay period.

"When a worker is employed by several employers during the course of a year as naturally often occurs in the case of the building and construction trades, the latter employers have no way of knowing whether the earlier employers, deductions have totaled more than $30, consequently they keep on making the deduction. As a result it is very frequently the case that workers have to file a separate claim for refund of the amounts in excess of $30 annually.

"Previously, the method for claiming these refunds was very cumbersome as the Treasury Department required affidavits from each employer. The American Federation of Labor has been working on this matter for about three years and finally have a somewhat simplified arrangement.

"It is not yet the way we would like to have it, and we believe the Treasury Department could very well take the records of the Social Security Administration and make an automatic refund whenever the amount paid in exceeded $30 per year. The Social Security Administration assures us that their records which are all kept on IBM cards would make the proposal entirely feasible. However, the new procedure is far superior to that previously in effect."

GOVERNMENT EXPLAINS

Rivers enclosed with his letter the following statement from Herbert Boarchardt of the Social Security Administration:

"In this year of 1948, you can claim refund of social security taxes deducted from wages over $3,000 you earned in 1947, and you do not have to support your claim with affidavits from your employers—affidavits stating that they have paid these taxes to a Collector of Internal Revenue.

"Adoption of a streamlined process for recovering excess social security taxes has long been advocated by persons who worked for more than one employer during the course of a calendar year and whose total wages exceeded $3,000. Originally the worker had to back up his claim for the tax refund with a sworn statement from each employer declaring (1) that the tax had been withheld from the wages, and (2) that the tax had been paid to a Collector of Internal Revenue. And it was up to the claimant to get these statements from his employers.

"The 79th Congress amended the Internal Revenue Code relative to social security taxes and abolished the requirement for the affidavits, beginning with claims filed for refund of excess taxes on wages earned in 1947. In support of the claims for excess social security taxes paid in the year 1947, you need only fill in two Internal Revenue forms (843 and SS 9A) which can be had from the office of any Collector of Internal Revenue.

"All claims for refund must be filed within two years after the calendar year in which the wages were paid. That means that, during 1948, you can still claim refund of excess social security taxes which were deducted, by more than one employer, in excess of a total of $3,000 during the year 1946 too.

"But note this. The new streamlined process of claims filing starts with respect to wages earned in 1947. Claims for refund of excess taxes on wages earned in 1946 still require the employers' affidavits.

"Do not confuse this explanation with anything concerning income tax refunds; that's an entirely different matter. For further information ask the nearest Collector of Internal Revenue."

Textile Wage

WASHINGTON (LPA)—At the request of the Textile Workers Union of America-CIO, the Wages and Hours Division of the Labor Department will hold an open hearing on July 8 on the TWUA's request that the minimum wage paid by textile mills under government contract should be 87c an hour in place of the present 40c an hour.

GOP Pouring Coin Into the Primary Polls, Demos State

Demo. National Committee

The Republicans once again are proving their right to the name of the Big Money party by the huge sums Republican Presidential candidates are pouring into primary campaigns, Senator J. Howard McGrath of Rhode Island, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, declared in a statement today.

"It looks now as though no one will ever know how much either Harold Stassen or Governor Thomas E. Dewey spent in the Oregon primary," McGrath said.

The Oregon state election bureau recently ruled that it would not insist on the filing of expense statements for either candidate on the grounds that the state corrupt practices act does not apply to seekers of a preferential vote.

MONEY POURS OUT

"However," Senator McGrath said, "Stassen charged in the closing days of that campaign that his opposition had spent at least a quarter-million dollars in Oregon while declaring his forces were spending 'less than a third' of that sum. But one-third of $250,000 is still $83,333.33.

"In Wisconsin, the official records of the Secretary of State's office show that a total of $174,748.07 was spent during the April 6th primary campaign by Republican delegate-candidates and clubs supporting the presidential aspirations of Stassen, Governor Dewey and General Douglas MacArthur.

STASSEN SPENT MOST

"The Democrats spent only $1,341.16, according to the same official figures. Stassen supporters led all others in the Republican column by spending $68,328.51; Dewey supporters spent $63,255.77 and the supporters of General MacArthur expended $43,273.79.

"Taft supporters admit to spending $147,963 in the Ohio primary—which means that the 44 delegates won by Taft in that state cost more than $3,300 a head. Stassen forces in Ohio spent $29,126—which means that his nine delegates were only slightly less expensive than Taft's, or slightly more than $3,200 each."

NLRB Trips Itself

WASHINGTON (LPA)—A lot of NLRB skeletons popped out of their closets lately. At a Congressional hearing Chairman Paul Herzog and General Counsel Robert Denham aired their disagreement as to how far the board may go into regulating the labor relations of small businesses under the Taft-Hartley law. The board itself had to admit it erred when it charged a union with "fronting" for a local that had not signed non-Communist affidavits. The local too was in compliance with the act. Apparently the board's right hand doesn't know what its left is up to these days.



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Petrillo Elected For a Ninth Term

ASHBURY PARK (LPA)—James C. Petrillo was elected president of the American Federation of Musicians for a ninth term, at its 51st annual convention. AFM's 1071 convention delegates had already thundered their agreement with Petrillo's fight to preserve the musical profession, and his call for unity of the labor movement.

Early in the convention Petrillo, after lambasting Republicans, Democrats, and the Henry Wallace party, paid his respects to President Truman. Should Truman not be returned to the White House he "will never have to worry about going hungry—with our prestige we'll put Margaret on the air," Petrillo quipped.

TRUMAN'S WIRE

Truman's wire to the delegates was warmly received. Citing the progressive record of the New Deal, and America's liberal tradition, Truman said:

"Recently this pattern has been challenged by a Congress which has enacted class legislation to the benefit of favored groups, a Congress which favors increased prices and profits, but is indifferent to the problems of the small wage earner.

"America cannot be strong unless labor, along with all Americans, shares fairly in the benefits of American economic production through collective bargaining.

"Today America faces grave international responsibilities which we cannot successfully discharge unless we continue to maintain economic stability based on fair play and fair prices. I know that in our battle to achieve that goal the working people will do their utmost to keep our country strong and healthy."

LABOR UNITY URGED

In his keynote speech Petrillo asserted that without unity between AFL, CIO, railroad brotherhoods and the United Mine Workers "only the strong unions will survive. And many of these will be walking around with their hats in their hands asking the employer for a bone. Industry runs the show. It will sue and break a number of unions but it is also stupid enough to finally break itself."

The musicians' president explained to the delegates how the Taft-Hartley law and the Lea act have hurt musicians. Taft-Hartley outlawed the welfare fund, Petrillo reminded them, and its secondary boycott ban made it impossible for the union to enforce employment policies in local radio stations.

Of the $1,700,000 which the union received from recording companies prior to the passage of the Taft-Hartley, more than $1,500,000 has been expended on free concerts and dances throughout the nation. More than 30,000 under-employed musicians were paid for these welfare performances.

NAM STRATEGY

Petrillo said that the NAM strategy is to "go easy" on enforcing the Taft-Hartley law until there is a Republican administration. He added that all of the Republican presidential aspirants "look like the other guy's brother-in-law."

AFM General Counsel Milton Diamond told the convention that plans for the union's going into the record business had to be abandoned for fear of prosecution under the Taft-Hartley and Sherman anti-trust laws.

Diamond denied reports that the union has been discussing an end to its record making ban, but said that he had heard that some of the companies are investigating ways of avoiding Taft-Hartley barriers to union administered royalty funds. Should such agreements be reached the union will gladly lift its prohibition.

Five Suggestions For Motorists Are Made by the State

State Govt. Release

SACRAMENTO — "Heed the 'Signs of Life' and help reduce highway accidents," was the appeal of Clifford E. Peterson, Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol, explaining that "Signs of Life" are the traffic signs, signals and pavement markings installed on streets and highways to safeguard traffic.

The Patrol is following a definite program in accordance with the national traffic safety plan, "Operation Safety," Peterson added. "Strict observance of the highway signs, traffic signals and street markings would be an important step in cutting down our accident toll. These devices cover almost every situation the driver will meet."

Five suggestions by which motor traffic could be made safer and more efficient were listed:

1—Give traffic control devices the same respect you would a traffic officer.

2—Come to a complete halt at every stop sign.

3—Give strict heed to traffic lights, trying to beat them may cost YOU an accident.

4—Stay in the proper lane and use hand signals when changing lanes, stopping or turning corners.

5—Control your speed so you CAN heed the "Signs of Life."

Labor Press Study

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Elmer Beck, editor of Kenosha Labor, has left for Germany, where he will undertake for American Military Government a study of the workings of the labor press in the U. S. occupation zone.

Beck expects to be in Germany for several months, and has taken a leave of absence from his post on Kenosha Labor, AFL and CIO newspaper in Kenosha, Wis. The Kenosha paper's editorials are often quoted in other labor publications.

Beck, a graduate of the U. of Wisconsin School of Journalism, is an officer of Local 159 of the American Newspaper Guild-CIO, and active in Democratic politics in the state. He was recently chosen a delegate to the Democratic National Convention, a post he is relinquishing because of the Defense Department assignment.

Demand the Union Label on your wearing apparel. Ask for Union clerks.

Leftists Yell in Virtuous Rage as Flynn Scores Coup

(News plus Comment)

The CIO Labor Herald, organ of the leftist rebel CIO Councils defying the national CIO policy line, contains a bitter attack in its current issue on the policy followed by Regional CIO Director Tim Flynn in dealing with the dispute at the Shell plant in Emeryville.

As reported in last week's issue of The Labor Journal, the CIO United Office & Professional Workers' local at the Shell plant was made the bone of contention between rightists and leftist CIO elements. The leftists wanted the local to secede from UOPWA, which Shell management refused to recognize, and join CIO Oil Workers Local 5, supposed to be leftist-dominated.

"FIFTH COLUMN RAID"

But Flynn, the rightist CIO regional director who took the place of Harry Bridges when the latter was ousted, threw his weight behind the proposal that the seceding UOPWA group get a separate charter in the Oil Workers, giving the rightists a chance to dominate the new local and to be in line with the majority of the locals of the Oil Workers International Union and the national CIO.

Flynn's success in saving the office workers' group from the leftists is reported bitterly in the CIO Labor Herald story, headed "Flynn Raids Shell Office Workers," signed by Ronald R. Cooley.

The story calls it "a fifth column raid . . . by Tim Flynn, the man who took over from Harry Bridges the post of CIO regional director in northern California."

"It's quite a feather in whatever kind of cap Flynn wears," the yarn continues, "and he started out with nothing but five company unionists and one Red Scare."

THE LITTLE RED CAT

Then the little red cat is let out of bag:

"It all happened because Flynn didn't like their politics." (That is, the politics of the leftists trying to swing the UOPWA local safely into a new leftist haven.) "The UOPWA is one of the international unions which not only does not dictate on political issues but has recommended that its local unions consider endorsement of Henry Wallace for president. And Flynn's political tastes must be very particular indeed . . ."

J. Elro Brown, district director of the Oil Workers, is attacked as a stooge of Flynn's, and the yarn ends with this paragraph about Brown:

"And he was a sorry sight . . . trotting around at Flynn's heels, offering a separate charter to the Shell Development group."

Of course, the virtuous indignation of the CIO Labor Herald, so long the organ of a ruthless party-line machine riding high and handsome with Harry Bridges at the wheel, is just plain funny. CIO President Philip Murray, prodded into action at last by the Wallace threat, is through Flynn making the brethren sick at heart. Naturally, they're trying to pretend they're not sick at heart, but just sick at the stomach to see such wicked Murray-Flynn goings on!

Kaiser-Frazer in Pact on Security

DETROIT (LPA)—The first social security plan of its kind in the auto industry was included in a settlement reached by the Kaiser-Frazer Corp. and the United Auto Workers-CIO. The corporation will pay 5c an hour per worker into a fund for sick, accident and hospital benefits and life insurance to be administered by a joint board of company and union representatives.

The settlement also includes a 13c wage increase on the Chrysler pattern, covering 10,000 hourly rated workers. UAW also won 13c pay raises last week from the Studebaker Corp. and the Packard Motor Car Co.

The K-F agreement also gave 1500 salaried workers a 9% raise with a guarantee of $22.50 monthly. The Packard agreement, covering 10,000 workers, extends through August 1, 1950. Packard is raising its car prices from $75 to $200. Studebaker and Kaiser-Fraser have not announced any price increases.

Mine Pensions

WASHINGTON (LPA)—In an attempt to keep current bituminous contract negotiations alive, as well as to meet the needs of over-age miners, John L. Lewis and Sen. H. Styles Bridges (R., N. H.) authorized payments from the 1947 welfare funds.

The union has rebuffed a coal operators' suggestion that the present contract be continued past its June 30 expiration date.

Amusement Tax's Repeal Requested

State Federation Service

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor is calling upon the affiliated organizations to request their representatives in Congress to vote for the repeal of the 20 per cent federal amusement tax, as it is considered to be a contributing factor in increasing unemployment among musicians.

The American Federation of Musicians is greatly handicapped because of this tax which the public is required to pay in theatres and other amusement places. This is being adversely felt by the American Federation of Musicians together with the American Federation of Labor.

Congress has been requested to vote for the repeal of this tax.

GE Gives 8%

NEW YORK (LPA)—The General Electric Co., which for 14 weeks resisted any wage increases, has granted a 9c to 15c pay boost to 125,000 members of the United Electrical Workers-CIO. Company executives explained that their resistance had been broken down by wage settlements in the auto industry.

T-H Analyzed for Solons by Green

WASHINGTON (LPA) — AFL President William Green wasn't impressed by the Joint Labor-Management Committee's attempts to limit its hearings on the Taft-Hartley law to those phases Chairman Joseph Ball (R., Minn.) wants to discuss.

"That is not sound legislative practice," he told Ball and his colleagues. Then Green gave the Committee one of the most complete analyses of the Act it has heard to date.

The Taft-Hartley law "is so thoroughly malignant that it is wholly beyond remedy or cure, short of repeal of the entire enactment placed on the law books in August 1947." the AFL leader said.

POLLS CLAUSE HIT

He attacked the T-H requirement of special NLRB polls prior to the signing of a union shop contract, and the anti-laborites' claim that union members don't agree with their unions' policies. Citing the huge margins by which unions have won the authorization ballots, Green said: "This vote was a vote of confidence of union members in their leadership."

It demonstrates too, President Green pointed out, the injustice of Taft-Hartley's ban against the closed shop. That the closed shop is conducive to good industrial relations is proved by the history of the garment, construction, and pottery industries, Green said. All of these industries in which labor-management cooperation has been outstanding have traditionally been closed-shop.

To the proposal from Committee members to set up a series of labor courts, or putting labor cases into the regular courts, Green replied: "Surely the Committee must realize that the federal courts, already overburdened, are ill-equipped to invade the whole field of administrative decision in a highly complex and specialized field."

PRICES CAUSE STRIKES

The AFL leader had nothing but scorn for the much publicized industry plans for "tightening" Taft-Hartley to prevent strikes. The high cost of living is the main cause of strikes, he explained, and neither the Taft-Hartley law nor anything like it can help this situation.

He called attention to the industry-wide collective bargaining that prevails in the garment and building trades to refute the claim that industry-wide bargaining hurts the small employers. "Whenever we find the typical employer to be small and the union relatively large, as in the apparel industry, industry-wide bargaining is productive of a high degree of union-management cooperation and industrial peace," Green said.

"On the "problem" of welfare funds, Green was brief and to the point: "The answer is simple: collective bargaining."

CWA Backs Truman

SPOKANE, Wash. (LPA) — The 230,000 phone workers represented by Communications Workers of America-unaffiliated are on record in favor of the re-election of President Truman. Vote came after Truman made a surprise appearance at the CWA's second annual convention here. Delegates also took steps toward affiliation with either CIO or AFL.

GOP PROPAGANDA



79% of all workers favor this change.

GOP LIES ABOUT LABOR—The Republican National Committee his issued a special union-smearing pamphlet which is intended to show how much better off the workers are since passage of the Taft-Hartley Act. The misleading "before" and "after" cartoon shown here has been vigorously repudiated by the votes of workers in 6,000 union shop elections conducted by NLRB. In more than 98 per cent of these elections, employes voted overwhelmingly in favor of the union shop.—(LPA)

Enough! Stop!

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The International Teamster, official magazine of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters-AFL this month advised its member locals not to file any more copies of the International Constitution with the Labor Department in compliance with the Taft-Hartley law. Seems Director William Connally has returned to the IBT several hundred extra copies which were sent in by local unions.

Gumshoe Men

DENVER (LPA)—The Colorado Labor Advocate has warned its readers not to be alarmed if they are followed by armed guards while shopping at the May Co. here. "It is an even bet," says the Advocate, "that you are being mistaken for a representative of Retail Clerks Local 454. Members of organized labor had cause to complain, after exchanging smiles or hellos with a friendly clerk, that they found themselves trailed throughout the store by burly, gun-totting May Co. gumshoe men."

Labor-Hater Licked

TALLAHASSEE (LPA) — Labor-hating Tom Watson, who as attorney general of Florida stumped all over the south and southwest for his favorite "right to work" laws, went down to defeat in the Democratic primary runoffs here. Victor in the race for a place on the state supreme court was Judge Frank Hobson, who had the support of organized labor.

Owner Backs Miners

WASHINGTON (LPA)—A representative of 500 independent mine owners, H. K. Cook, backed up United Mine Workers charges of operators' bad faith. He accused them of wanting a lockout when the current contract expires, June 30, as an excuse for raising coal prices again. UMW President John L. Lewis demanded that operators cooperate in activating industry-wide welfare funds as a part of 1948 contract negotiations.

ONE OUT OF THREE British workers belong to a trade union.

Federation Warns Labor Motorists

State Federation Service

A new chapter in California's motoring history opens July 1, 1948, when the Financial Responsibility Law becomes operative under administration of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Like other states, the California law says that if you are the driver of a motor vehicle that is involved in an accident causing injury, death, or property damage, you must report it to the Department and furnish evidence that you are financially able to respond to claims for damage.

MAY BE SUSPENDED

If the law is not complied with, the offender is open to suspension of his driver's privilege.

The damage to any person's property, including the driver's, must amount to more than $100 before the report is required. Ten days are given in which a written report of the accident is to be submitted on Form SR-1. These forms may be obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles or its branch offices, offices of the California Highway Patrol, Police Departments, automobile clubs, and the individual's insurance agent or broker.

MUST FILE REPORT

Regardless of who is to blame for the accident, the driver of every vehicle involved must file a report. In the event you carry standard automobie liability insurance, you are to fill out the perforated slip at the bottom of the report form and the Department in turn will send it to your insurance company to verify the fact that you have met the security requirements of the law.

Booklets giving further information about this new law may be obtained from the Police Department, service stations, Department of Motor Vehicles office or other institutions providing service to motorists.

'Help' by Commies Is Rejected by ITU

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The International Typographical Union-AFL has made it clear it will fight its own battles with newspaper publishers and the National Labor Relations Board, and doesn't care for any Communist Party help in the struggle.

The ITU, in a bulletin sent to all locals, pointed out that the Daily Worker, official Communist paper, is trying to solicit subscriptions among typo members on the basis of "support" given to the ITU.

Bluntly, the union's international officers declared in the message to all locals that: "No member of the International Typographical Union is under any possible obligation to subscribe to or support the Daily Worker because of any unsolicited and unappreciated support from that source."

Demand the Union Label on your wearing apparel. Ask for Union clerks.

14,280,000 in Unions' Ranks

Membership of American labor unions rose from 12,957,000 in 1946 to 14,280,000 in 1947.

These figures were given by the National Bureau of Economic Research in a preliminary report on a study of wages and trade unionism being conducted by Leo Wolman, Columbia University professor.

In 1935, union members totaled only 3,648,100, the report said.

Woman, who said the figures include Canadian members of American unions, reported the growth of unions from 1935 to 1947 was influenced by the following:

Founding of the Congress of Industrial Oragnizations; modifications in national labor policy and legislation; economic expansion since 1939.

Schools Will Keep Labor Informed of Building Progress

Editor, Labor Journal:

We, of the Oakland Public Schools want to express our sincere appreciation for the assistance you gave us during the recent campaign for propositions A and B on the June 1 ballot.

The cooperation you gave has made it possible through an affirmative vote on the part of the voters to continue our building program. At this writing we are wondering whether or not your publication would like to have information from time to time on the progress of the building program.

If so, I shall be most happy to keep you informed by means of releases based on actions by the Board of Education having to do with ground breaking ceremonies and actual construction progress throughout the city.

Meanwhile, in anticipation of your reply regarding continued information on the building program, we would also like to thank you for the cooperation you gave to the Citizens Committee for School Building. This committee, as you know, employed Eric Cullenward as their campaign director with Shirley Smith as his assistant.

All in all, we of the Oakland Public Schools feel that the campaign was a success, and you may be assured that the Oakland Board of Education will do everything within its power to advance a sensible and continuous building program toward the solution of our educational housing problems.

Please feel free to utilize my office whenever you seek information on the Oakland Public Schools and the Oakland Board of Education. I shall be happy to cooperate with you in every instance, for The Labor Journal has proven itself to be a just friend of our schools, the teachers and the school children.

Cordially,
AL SLONAKER,
Director of Publication

Liberal Ruling on Jobless Benefits

State Federation Service

The California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board has rendered a decision holding that a worker was available for work within the meaning of Section 57(c) of the Act, even though work opportunities were seasonal in the area in which the claimant resided; that the claimant's inability to obtain work was due to the opportunity of employment having been withdrawn, and that it was not necessary for the claimant to leave the area in search for work.

The case grew out of a claim for benefits requested by Helen Arcudi, who established permanent residence in Avalon, located on Catalina Island, which is a popular resort for tourists and vacationists during the favorable portion of the year, from April to October.

POPULATION LEAVES

After the tourist season, most of the population leaves the Island and there are limited employment opportunities. The claimant intended, however, to remain at the Island.

Her application for unemployment benefits was rejected, nevertheless, on the ground that she was not available for work, which finding was based on the fact that she remained in a resort area during the off-season when there is little or no opportunity for employment.

"PERMANENT RESIDENCE"

The Appeals Board did not agree with the Referee in this case. Overruling his decision and granting benefits to the claimant, the Appeals Board stated:

"She is in the same position, therefore, as though she had lived in Avalon for some time; it was her permanent residence. She is to be treated the same, from the standpoint of determining her availability for employment, as any other permanent resident of the town."

In the light of certain prior decisions of the Board disqualifying individuals engaged in seasonal employment, particularly in the canning industry, this appears to be an important determination in that it once more leads to a more proper and liberal interpretation of the Act, which allows benefits to individuals who perform seasonal work even though in the off-season no work is available in the community.

The Benefit Decision is No. 4904 and the Case Number is 10094.

Unions Divide

CHICAGO (LPA) — The United Farm Equipment Workers-CIO announced that a membership referendum voted to comply with the Taft-Hartley non-Communist affidavits section. Four officers have submitted their resignations. But the United Furniture Workers convention voted 22,552 to 160,090 against compliance. Meanwhile two officials of the United Packinghouse Workers-CIO have resigned rather than file non-Communist declarations.

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ORIGINAL DETECTIVE

Labor School Hits 'Arbitrary Action'

The California Labor School has sent out to the press a statement that "the student body, staff, and faculty" of that institution has adopted a resolution protesting against the fact that "the California Labor School has been arbitrarily designated by Attorney General Thomas Clark as a subversive organization."

The resolution expresses "our profound indignation and resentment at this arbitrary and mischievous action," and goes on to say:

"The California Labor School is in the forefront of the fight for civil liberties, for full equality for the Negro people, and takes an active part in furthering the work of the trade unions. It is obvious that the motive in branding this school as subversive is part of the pattern established by the Rankin-Thomas committee and other anti-democratic forces now spearheading a drive in our country to cripple and destroy peoples' organizations, trade unions and other progressive organizations and individuals."

(Editor's Note: Our opinion of the kind of work the California Labor School is doing is very low, but our opinion of the value of civil liberties is very high, and the designating of particular groups or institutions by the Government as "subversive" may be setting a dangerous precedent. Suppose Pegler should be appointed as the designator by some future Government! Or Fulton Lewis, Jr.!)

Labor Institute

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J. (LPA)—Unionists and employers attending the 18th annual Rutgers Labor Institute here were treated to both a series of top-notch discussions on "Labor in a Changing World" and such extra-curricular activities as a contest for the best barbershop quartets.

The Taft-Hartley law came in for the greatest amount of discussion, with AFL attorneys and NLRB officials discussing the law.

750,000 VETS, between March '47 and March '48 looking for their first job, entered the job market.

Jim Carey Replies To Woll's Stand on The WFTU Case

WASHINGTON (LPA) — CIO Secretary James B. Carey has replied to criticisms of CIO international policy by AFL Vice President Matthew Woll. He said the question of the World Federation of Trade Unions was not the only point of difference between the CIO and Woll and the AFL.

Reporting on his participation in the recent Rome meeting of the WFTU's executive bureau, Carey told how he had joined with representatives of British and Benelux unions in lessening Communist influence in the organization.

"It is easy for the members of the AFL executive council to make speeches to each other against Communism. The CIO has stayed in the WFTU to help other unionists whose position is not so secure," Carey said.

Carey remarked that free trade unions with which the AFL is willing to work, including the CIO, are all members of the WFTU.

The AFL has not always been unwilling to cooperate with the Soviet trade unions, Carey charged. He said that in 1942 the AFL announced that it had reached an agreement on "direct and indirect cooperation" not only with the British TUC, but also with the Soviet unions. The CIO rejected this agreement because it gave the AFL exclusive right to determine what American unions could join in.

Carey listed Woll's opposition to the reciprocal trade agreements program and the repeal of the Chinese exclusion act as examples of long-standing differences between the AFL and CIO on international policy which does not stem from the CIO's affiliation with the WFTU which Woll says is Moscow dominated.

"The CIO has done more to further the Marshall plan with the workers of Europe by being inside the WFTU than it could possibly have done had it followed the 'isolationist' policy of the AFL," Carey said.

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT is expected to exceed 60,000,000 jobs this summer.



FARM STRIKER SHOT—James Price, president of Local 218 of the National Farm Labor Union, AFL, is shown immediately following an attempted assassination by an unknown person who fired a fusillade of bullets into the room where the executive board of the National Farm Labor Union was meeting at Arvin, California. Kneeling above the stricken NFLU leader is Riley Watson. Kern County officials are seeking the assailant. Price was leader of the eight months' strike at the Di Giorgio ranch, where 1100 workers struck to secure recognition of their right to collective bargaining.—(State Federation Service)

Private Utilities Are Disturbed by Senate TVA Action

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The battle between the private utilities and the American people raged on after a Senate Appropriations Subcommittee amended the corporations bill to give the Tennessee Valley Authority $4,000,000 to start construction on a steam power plant at New Johnsonville, Tenn.

Funds for the plant were killed in the House last month but in the Senate the fight was taken up by Sen. Kenneth McKellar (D., Tenn.) and has the active support of President Truman. The Subcommittee, however, did not make all the changes in the House bill which were requested by TVA.

Meanwhile in Atlantic City, the convention of the Edison Institute was thrown into a state of panic when Purcell Smith, lobbyist for the electrical industry, told the producers that it looked as though the steam plant appropriation would be passed. "If the TVA wins this one," said Smith, "it will be the beginning of nationalization not only of the utility industry but of all industry."

J. B. Thomas, president of Texas Electric Co., suggested that the utility industry meet the challenge with an all-out public information program telling what is wrong with government adventures in collectivism. Thomas termed such ventures as TVA the products of "sleazy idealism."

While the industry boys were tooting their horns, President Truman told an audience in Seattle, Wash. that the terrible floods which are sweeping the Columbia River area could be avoided through valley projects of the TVA type. He pointed out that the private power lobby is trying not only to block public power but also its distribution at low cost. He cited the fact that Shasta Dam in California is turning out power but Congress has prevented erection of the necessary transmission lines.

In Milwaukee, Interior Secretary J. A. Krug, addressing the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, warned that the nation is "tottering on the brink of a serious power breakdown. The critical shortage of energy supply," he declared, "is one of the unpleasant facts of our national economy."

The Capital Times, Madison, Wis. printed the financial records of 93 publicly owned utilities in the state, showing net profits of $1,416,120 for 1947, ample proof that such public corporations are no unfair drain on the taxpayers.

Split in NLRB on Mandates Under T-H

WASHINGTON (LPA) — If you find yourself a little concerned sometimes as to what the Taft-Hartley law means, don't get an inferiority complex about it. NLRB Chairman Paul Herzog and General Counsel Robert Denham can't agree on what the law means either.

The NLRB heads appeared recently before the Joint Labor-Management Relations Committee to discuss proposed changes in the Taft-Hartley law and explain why the board is so far behind in its work. But the main thing the Congressmen were interested in was the Herzog-Denham split on the question of whether or not the law requires NLRB to handle labor disputes in every little business that "affects" interstate commerce.

HERZOG SAYS NO

Herzog says no, because to do so wouldn't "effectuate the policies of the Act," and besides the board has enough to do anyway.

Denham, on the other hand, maintains that the board is obligated to take all cases that even slightly bear on intertsate commerce. He believes that the 1947 act was designed to "protect a complex web of relations"—union-employe, union-employer, employer-employe — and so the board must take action on all cases within its jurisdiction, workload or no workload.

Virtually all of the members of the Joint Committee agree with Herzog. In many cases this willingness deemphasize Taft-Hartley stems from the objections of small, local businessmen as well as unions to having the chaos-provoking law injected into labor-management relations in their businesses.

ELECTIONS CITED

Union shop authorization elections were pointed to by Herzog as the principal reason for the board's ever-growing backlog. He said, however, that excluding them 15,000 cases will probably be submitted to NLRB during 1948.

The board chairman said that the NLRB is now using "printed form decisions" to dispose of routine cases, and urged an increase in the number of board members from five to seven or nine to further speed up its work.

Replying to Herzog's statement that the board itself does not agree with the general counsel's interpretation of its jurisdictional problems, Denham accused Herzog and his colleagues of ducking their duties under the law. He said that Taft-Hartley gives him the responsibility of issuing complaints, and the board hasn't any right to dismiss them because they affect only small businesses or because they're too busy. The sum total of little businesses have "a stupendous affect upon interstate commerce," he said.

Hotels Don't Want To Get Tangled Up In the T-H Measure

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Hotel workers and managers don't agree on everything, but they seem to be of one mind about the Taft-Hartley law. Neither side wants the industry's labor relations complicated by bringing it under the 1947 act.

J. W. Brown, general counsel of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers-AFL, told the Joint Labor-Management Relations Committee that the union is having trouble renegotiating contracts. Unions and employers both fear that the industry will be subjected to the Taft-Hartley law by the NLRB and its intrepid general counsel, Robert N. Denham. He pointed out that in the pre-Taft-Hartley days there was no "threat" that hotel and restaurant workers would be brought under the Wagner Act.

Sen. Claude Pepper (D., Fla.) told the Committee that workers and employers alike in Florida's large hotel business want no part of Taft-Hartley. Even one of the conservative Republican Congressmen read into the record the objections to Taft-Hartley of the Ohio Hotel Association.

NLRB General Counsel Robert Denham, who was at the hearing to tell the Committee that the board should take jurisdiction over virtually every little business in the country, abashed by the Taft-Hartleyites' fear of indefinitely extending the range of their law. He said that to the best of his knowledge no cases involving hotels are in the board's machinery now.

A while ago, however, Denham had told the Hotel and Restaurant Workers' lawyer that in his judgement a "one man bar" might fall within the provisions of the 1947 law.

ELMER TILTON, furniture store executive and former president of the Alameda Chamber of Commerce has accepted the appointment as volunteer 1948 Campaign Chairman for the Alameda Community Chest, Inc., it was announced by Milton Wehr, President of the Chest.

Workers in Germany Strike Against Man They Consider Nazi

By MAURICE GOLDBLOOM
Executive Secretary, American Association for a Democratic Germany

NEW YORK (LPA)—Of the four occupying powers in Germany, the U. S. has in general been the stricktest in barring former members of the Nazi party from all positions of importance. But this policy never applied to those business leaders who had profited by the Nazi regime but had sufficient influence not to have to join the party.

As long as all German business was at a standstill, and military government exerted direct control over every plant that was operating this was of only minor importance. But now that it is Allied policy to return control of business to German hands, and that the Marshall Plan offers some hope of German industrial recovery, many questionable individuals are seeking to return to positions of power. Unfortunately, they appear to be getting American help in doing so.

A particularly clear case is that of the steel magnate Hermann Reusch, general manager of the Gutehoffnungshuetts company. Reusch—reportedly at the suggestion of Americans who "supported him for his views on free enterprise"—was appointed a member of the Bizonal advisory committee on steel production.

When the workers in the Ruhy steel mills threatened to strike in protest at the appointment, General Lucius D. Clay declared that this would be close to a strike against military government, and other military government officials went even further. Nevertheless, the German trade unionists went ahead with their plans, and the strike was only avoided when the Bizonal Economic Council not only announced Reusch's dismissal, but agreed to consult the unions on all similar appointments in the future.

While the workers have apparently won their point, and the British military government authorities have supported them in their position, some American officials are still talking of vetoing the dismissal of Reusch. While Military Government is not likely to risk precipitating a major strike by doing this, the opinion of qualified observers is that its support of reactionaries against democratic and anti-Communist German trade unionists is one of the factors contributing to the recent increase in Communist strength.

Join AFL

PHILADELPHIA (LPA)—A 600-member local of the United Furniture Workers-CIO voted to join the Upholsterers International Union-AFL, UIU President Sal Hoffmann announced. The Bloomington, Indiana, local quit UFW because its convention voted not to comply with the non-Communist affidavit section of the Taft-Hartley law. Hoffmann said that 17 UFW locals and 10,000 members have switched to UIU since August 1946 when former UFW President Morris Muster exposed Communist domination of the CIO affiliate.

GOV. ROBERT D. BLUE—Little Boy Blue to the Iowans who know and dislike him so well—isn't blowing his horn any more. Iowa voters, spearheaded by organized labor, marched to the Republican primaries and retired Blue to private

Norway Employers Try to Keep Living Costs Down For Workers

(Rev. Walter J. Tappe, editor of the Monitor, Catholic Weekly published in San Francisco, made in the last issue of his paper the following comment on the much discussed new contract between General Motors and United Auto Workers.)

Most commentators to date have been almost hysterical in their praise of the new General Motors-UAW wage contract.

Labor leaders are claiming a tremendous "victory." Management, on the other hand, is waxing eloquent on its "discovery" of this "unique" formula.

Without doubt, the new wage contract concluded between GM and United Auto Workers is a momentous step in industrial relations. But it is a bit disquieting to have both Labor and Management claim "novelty" when actually, the formula is as old as common sense. The only thing novel about the set-up is the pleasant surprise in discovering responsible leaders using their heads.

WHY CONTRACT IS GOOD

From Labor's point of view, it is good to know that union leaders now realize that there is no point in building a floor under wages if they don't build a ceiling over prices.

And it is also wonderful to behold Management's realization that its employes are part of the American public who constitute the customers for all of industry's products, and that there can be no such thing as continued prosperity for corporations unless the workers have sufficient purchasing power to buy what is made.

Strangely enough, the most interesting comment on the GM-UAW contract was found in the socialist paper The New Leader.

NORWAY DOES IT

Jonathan Stout, Washington correspondent for the paper, writes: "Unique as the General Motors contract with the United Automobile Workers is in the development techniques of industrial relations in the United States, it is hardly unique enough to cover the world.

"... In Norway, for instance, the most anxious readers of the weekly cost-of-living index report are the Norwegian employers. An increase in that index means a prompt increase in the wages of Norway's workers.

"This has given Norwegian employers a very real and direct interest in keeping down the cost of living. The result has been that Norway is one of the European countries where inflation has been kept in check; for, with both labor and employers in Norway exerting all their forces to keep their economy stabilized, and with a labor government keeping a legal tight rein on the speculators, there is no important factor left in the Norwegian economy that can say, I'm grabbing mine, and the devil take the hindmost."

Ford, Asking Wage Cut, Has Gold Show

NEW YORK (LPA)—A gold and white merry-go-round with five '49 Fords revolving on a stage 50 feet in diameter, was just part of the show put on by the company which has raised its prices 8.7% and asked its workers to take a wage cut.

California's famous gold rush of '49 was the theme of the show displaying the new Fords, and the grand ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria was draped with hundreds of yards of gold and white satin and lace for the occasion. The cars exhibited amidst all this splendor sell for $85 to $125 more than this year's models.

Since a merry-go-round wasn't enough to take the customer's mind off the extra hundred bucks, Ford also provided a ferris wheel with two full-size gold-colored chassis on it. The payoff, though, was a huge "forty-niner" gold-mining scene complete with a running stream from which a miner panned gold souvenir nuggets.

So far as we know, Ford isn't planning to give out any nuggets when negotiations open with the United Auto Workers-CIO this week. General Motors, which did give a wage raise, has announced that its car prices will not go up.

Children Helped

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. (LPA)—Two of the Scandinavian countries, with leadership from their labor movements, have shown how much money can be raised for the United Nations Appeal for Children.

In Sweden, under the direction of Neils Goude, official of the General Trade Union Confederation, the entire country was organized and a total of $2,226,400 was raised for the UN's program to feed starving youngsters in Europe and Asia. To date, this is the largest sum reported by any European country.

The Norwegian Federation of Labor, UN officials here report, "aided greatly" in reaching the goal of $1,790,000 raised in Norway. President Konrad Nordahl inaugurated a joint labor-management cooperation plan to help raise Norway's contribution.

Rent Raise?

CLEVELAND (LPA) — A rent board admittedly "stacked" against tenants, and in the process of reorganization, voted to conduct a 60-day survey to find out how much of a rent increase could be justified in the Cleveland rent control area.

AFL and CIO unions here are protesting vigorously, especially since the proposal for the survey came from Howard Whipple Green, the same man who prepared the new transit fare structure which increases rates 20%.

Only a few weeks previously, Housing Expediter Tighe Woods in Washington had found the Cleveland rent board was overloaded with landlord and real estate representatives, and had ordered Gov. Herbert to add three new members representing the tenants and one representing the public. The present AFL man on the board was absent, and the CIO man abstained when the survey was approved.

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CONGRESS AND THE PRESS LORDS FACE CRISIS IN ITU STRUGGLE

As reported in our news columns last week, Business Week, published by McGraw-Hill, an outfit certainly not prone to flatter organized labor, recently ran a headline, PRINTERS STICK BY RANDOLPH, stating in a lower part of the head that "Union Reelects its President, Indicating Direct Encouragement of His Aggressive anti-Taft-Hartley Policies."

We must congratulate McGraw-Hill on objective reporting of the facts about Woodruff Randolph's reelection and on thoroughly sound interpretation of the facts reported. For as Business Week correctly states:

"This was the printers' second opportunity to repudiate Randolph. In February he had asked for a special defense fund of more than $1,000,000 a month—and got it. He won comfortable margins in both tests. The big 'strike' cities—Chicago, Philadelphia, and New York—stood stanchly by him."

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The Business Week article goes on to say that "the printers' reaction to the Taft-Hartley Law has caused some dismay in Congress. Here was an old-line union, conservative, democratic, no racketeering, no Communist influence. It had often been cited as a 'model union.' The International Typographical Union would have been a natural to spearhead a campaign to repeal the closed shop. But Randolph has a panchant for antagonizing people."

The implication here is that if ITU President Randolph had lain down and played possum the big grizzly bear of a GOP reactionary majority in Congress would have climbed up a tree and picked nice persimmons for the sweet little possum. Then the closed shop ban would have been repealed and the grizzly bear and the possum would have lain down together in peace.

We can't agree with such a pleasant theory. Actually, we feel that ITU President Randolph by leading the ITU into battle is proving precisely and effectively that the ITU is "a natural to spearhead a campaign to repeal the closed shop."

For if Congress is forced to see that its law on labor is so outrageous that every effort that can legally be made to keep out of its influence will be made by "an old-line union—conservative, democratic, no racketeering, no Communist influence" in it—then even the reactionary majority in Congress may wake up.

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Freeman Champney in the Antioch Review article part of which was reprinted in The Labor Journal recently, came closer to the core of the crisis Congress faces when he wrote:

"It is doubtful if the Taft-Hartley architects were consciously out to destroy the ITU. They were after bigger and more politically leftist game. But if the printers are knocked in the head it will be too late to say, 'Oops sorry.' There will be a bitterness that won't remain unpolitical and there will have been a demonstration that for a union to succeed too well under the free enterprise rules of the game is suicidal."

The succeeding "too well under the free enterprise rules of the game" to which Champney refers is the system of death benefits, care of retired printers, and other beneficial features built up by the ITU through the years. And, as Champney points out, "No employer-contributions go into these benefits."

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The crisis confronting Congress and the big newspaper publishers is this: do they wish to attempt to destroy "an old-line union—conservative, democratic, no racketeering, no Communist influence . . . a 'model union'"—or do they wish to stick to the idea of free enterprise for all, workers as well as Congressmen and big newspaper proprietors?

If Congress and the big newspaper proprietors don't know they face this crisis, they're out of luck, and the nation is out of luck. For, after all, Woodruff Randolph is not alone in this, and his union isn't alone. Some of the other labor leaders and their unions may have been a little slower on the trigger, but the trigger is there, firmly set in the situation, and it's up to Congress and the big newspaper proprietors to determine whether or not they wish the trigger pulled.

14,280,000 LABOR UNIONISTS!

Leo Wolman, Columbia University professor making a study of wages and trade unionism for the National Bureau of Economic Research, announces that membership of American labor unions rose from 12,957,000 in 1946 to 14,280,000 in 1947.

In 1935, the report says, union members totaled only 3,648,100. Wolman, noting that the figures include Canadian members of unions with headquarters in the United States, says that the growth of unionism from 1935 to 1947 was influenced by the following:

Founding of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Modifications in national labor policy and legislation.

Economic expansion since 1939.

Those three points are interesting, but they are connected with one more fundamental which Professor Sumner H. Slichter of Harvard has pointed out—the decline in the proportion of employers or self-employed persons to employed persons. Today, Slichter says, three out of four persons who work for a living are on some one else's payroll, and employes outnumber stockholders about five to one.

More people were employes than the AFL with its 1935 policies was ready to organize. Modifications in national labor policy and legislation resulted from this same basic fact that there were more employes, more votes, more opportunity for such a statesman as Franklin D. Roosevelt.

As for the other influence Wolman mentions, economic expension since 1939, that is related to colossal world developments which can only be grappled with successfully by full mobilization of the best thinking and striving of labor, management, and Government.

TAYLOR, PEACE, HONOR, VODKA!

Senator Taylor, Wallace's running mate, says that if the New Party wins, the U. S. will "have peace—with honor—with Russia." Just like Latvia, Bulgaria, Czecho-Slovakia?

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FRIEND AND FOE

In Radio and Press

RADIO EDITORIALIZING hired and approved by the big chains is already a fact, Paul Speegle suggests in his radio comment column in S. F. Chronicle. Speegle says that when Jergens Lotion and Walter Winchell separated after 16 years steadfast partnership on the air, "the American Broadcasting Company, fearful another network might lure Mr. Winchell away from them, has contracted to pay him $520,000 for 52 weeks of broadcasting," while the Jergens outfit paid him less than $400,000. Speegle continues:

"Since Mr. Winchell is one of the greatest little editorializers in the newscasting business, with emotion playing a large part in his weekly analysis of domestic and international events, it would seem that ABC is rather unconcerned about whether it does or does not have the right to editorialize over the air."

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We agree with Speegle's further remarks that it is pretty hard to get on solid ground on this subject of the right of broadcasting chains to editorialize, and that "the whole question takes on an academic complexion, providing a subject for endless debate and little concrete action."

It's hard to see why broadcasting chain owners should be denied (theoretically) the right to editorialize, when any fathead, pinhead, or punkhead who has the money can by a newspaper and editorialize all he pleases. Every argument that works against radio editorializing works also against newspaper editorializing. In both cases, control is passing into the hands of big corporations, and the public on the whole just takes it for granted, and faithfully patronize anti-labor anti-civilization stuff from either press or broadcast source.

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TRIB STATED FACTS BUT NOT THE TRUTH

The U. S. Supreme Court recently laid down the principle that omission of important facts in an advertisement otherwise truthful in all its statements constitutes deception.

On the basis of this, one group of veterans was recently brought to book by the Postoffice Department for running ads of a prize contest in which was inserted an appeal for funds, noting that "the need for funds to help rehabilitate our 2,500,000 disabled veterans is urgent," and that the facilities of the veterans' group "are being strained to the utmost by requests from war widows, disabled veterans and their dependents."

What is the important fact left out of such an appeal? Why, the fact that the Veterans Administration was set up, says the Postoffice Department, to do the type of work described in the ad's appeal for funds.

The veterans' group, when the Postoffice Department took action, agreed to send a letter to all contestants, offering a return of money by August 31, 1948, and calling attention to the fact that accuracy of the contest advertisement has been questioned.

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The principle involved here applies morally if not legally not only to advertisements but to political statements. It is possible to deceive the public with a statement containing nothing but facts, yet omitting facts equally important, or perhaps more important.

In the recent primary election campaign, for example, one of the Republican candidates contesting the seat of Democratic Congressman George Miller issued a statement listing the times that Miller had been absent from the House recently while votes on supposedly important issues were being taken.

The Knowland Tribune took up this statement and dwelt lovingly upon it. So far as we know, the facts in the statement were correct. But in effect, the statement was deceptive—it left out the important fact that primary elections come on at different times in this country, and that the most elementary instinct of political fair play sanctions the absence from the House of a member whose seat is being contested. Other Congressmen are in Washington to attend to voting at such a time, but a man whose seat is being contested owes it to the voters who elected him to go back home and fight for his right to stay on and represent them.

All this the Republican candidate and the Knowland Tribune know perfectly well. But they left it out—and it was the most fundamental and important fact of all.

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SCHNUR'S SCHNOZZLE TROUNCED BY TRUMAN

When Secretary Paul Schnur of the S. F. CIO Council sent a wire to President Truman protesting against the actions taken by the President under the Taft-Hartley Law concerning the proposed CIO maritime strike, the gentleman from Missouri sent back this hot one:

"As President of the United States I am sworn to uphold the Constitution, and enforce the law. If you do not like the present labor law you should not have elected the 80th Congress in 1946."

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The President thereby took a neat slap, and a deserved slap, at organized labor in general, and at Mr. Schnur's little red branch of organized labor in particular.

Organized labor in general failed to turn out and vote strongly in 1946—AND IN THE RECENT PRIMARY ELECTION—and certainly helped to put reactionaries in Congress.

Mr. Schnur's little red branch of organized labor is doing all it can to elect reactionaries to Congress in 1948 by splitting the labor vote with the Wallace-Commie coalition. Moreover, the little red branch alienated many voters against labor in general, and thereby helped to elect the reactionary GOP in the 80th (Taft-Hartley) Congress.



METHODS OF FIGURING SOCIAL SECURITY AMOUNT

This is the fourth in a series of articles on old-age and survivors' insurance prepared for The Labor Journal by the field office of the Social Security Administration, 201 Postoffice Building, Oakland.)

Benefits payable to a worker and his family are based on the average monthly wage of the worker.

To get the average monthly wage and all wages (up to $3000 a year) received from jobs covered by the law from the time it went into effect on January 1, 1937, to the beginning of the calendar quarter in which the worker becomes 65 or dies. Then divide this total amount of wages by the total number of months in that same period of time, including months in which the worker was not in covered employment or was unemployed.

FOR WORKERS WHO REACHED AGE 22 AFTER JAN. 1, 1937

To get the average monthly wage of a worker who became 22 after January 1, 1937, add all wages from January 1, 1937, but in counting the months by which to divide leave out the month in any quarter before he reached age 22 in which he was paid less than $200.

THE PRIMARY BENEFIT

After determining the average monthly wage the benefit amount is computed as follows:

1. Take 40 per cent of the first $50 of the average monthly wage and add to it 10 per cent of the remainder up to $200.

2. Add 1 per cent of the sum thus obtained for EACH year in which the worker was paid at least $200 in wages from covered employment. The sum of these figures is the amount of the monthly primary benefit.

If the primary benefit computed above comes to less than $10, the benefit is raised to $10.

This primary benefit is the amount the worker receives when he retires or the amount his wage credits yield when he dies.

FAMILY BENEFITS

Monthly benefits payable to the family of a retired or deceased worker are based on the worker's primary benefit.

His wife, age 65 or over, or their child under 18, will each receive one-half his primary benefit.

The monthly benefit to a widow, age 65 or over, is three-fourths the primary benefit.

The monthly benefit to widow under 65, who has a child of the worker in her care is three-fourths the primary benefit. The orphaned child receives one-half the primary benefit.

A parent, 65 or over, who otherwise qualifies is entitled to one-half the primary benefit.

LUMP-SUM PAYMENT

If there is no one immediately eligible for a monthly benefit, a lump-sum payment will be made to the surviving widow or widower. If no qualified widow or widower survives then the lump-sum is paid to the person paying the worker's funeral expenses. The lump-sum is equal to 6 times the primary benefit of the worker.

For further information concerning your individual case contact the Social Security Administration, 201 Post Office Building, Oakland, California.

WILL COMMIES QUIT WALLACE?

By ROSCOE DRUMMOND
The Christian Science Monitor

A report is circulating in Washington—innocently or purposefully—that the Communists, who started the third party, are getting ready to pull out and leave its candidate, Henry Wallace, on his own.

This may be an innocent, honest report. Few will assume to forecast the next turn in the Communist Party line. It may be a purposeful report. The Communists might well like to arrange things so they could give Mr. Wallace the benefit of the substance of their support and free him from the liability of the appearance of their support.

The most careful and informed judgment here, however, is that it isn't likely to happen, but that, the way events now are shaping, the Communists and Mr. Wallace will remain stuck with each other for at least the duration of the 1948 campaign.

Those who study the Communist Party line and the way it operates are inclined to agree that some change in Soviet foreign policy tactics abroad may result shortly from the Communist political defeats in Europe and from the operation of the Marshall Plan. They agree that any such shift in tactics will be reflected in Communist Party policy in the United States.

They do not see it as probable that the Communists will withdraw from Mr. Wallace or that Mr. Wallace will withdraw himself from the campaign.

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As to Mr. Wallace, he has two political objectives. He is out to defeat President Truman at all costs; he apparently doesn't care whether he defeats every liberal Democratic congressman in the process. He also is looking to the future. While he knows he virtually has no chance whatsoever of winning the Presidency this year, he is hopeful of making such a substantial political impression and of gaining such a substantial minority vote that he will be a force to reckon with in 1952. He is fighting for the 1952 Democratic nomination.

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As to the Communists, it is hard to see where they have gained any short-range advantages in launching the Wallace third party. They wanted an instrument with which to oppose the Marshall Plan. They failed to block it. They wanted a means to defeat the President's foreign policies. They probably will succeed in helping to defeat the President, but not his foreign policies, since the nation's bipartisan foreign policies are more firmly grounded now than ever. They wanted to show American disunity to Europe, particularly Italy, as a tactic in the "cold war." Italy was not impressed.

But the Communists also are looking to the future. Their repeatedly expressed prediction, their fondest hope, is that the United States will fall into a depression in the near future so that its strength and leadership will be weakened. To take full advantage of such a Communist-welcome event they want to have on hand a broadly appealing political party which they can direct and dominate, and it is hard to see where they can get such a party other than the one they themselves brought into being.

Obviously, Mr. Wallace figures he can use the Communists to help him achieve his purpose, and the Communists figure they can use Mr. Wallace to help them achieve their purpose. There is no persuasive evidence that either is going to desert the other—at this stage.

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It is however, by no means evident that the Communists actually have helped their cause by precipitating the third party, which they were prepared to bring about even, as one of them said, if it meant breaking up the CIO. Well, it didn't mean breaking up the CIO; it strengthened it by forcing its infiltrated Communists into the open.

When the CIO endorsed the Marshall Plan and rejected Henry Wallace, the Communists had to show their hand. The left-led unions plumped for the third party, and rank-and-file labor could see exactly who they were. This greatly clarified the Communist issue in the American labor movement, it helped to unify the CIO, it greatly strengthened Philip Murray in his determination and ability to rout out the Communists, and it brought the Communists more visibly into the open.

This is all to the good—and it is not for the good of the Communists.

APPEAL TO DRIVERS

St. Louis Labor Tribune

With mild weather in the offing, and the vacation rush just around the corner, it behooves us to write our annual editorial upon traffic accidents.

Last year 32,500 Americans were killed in traffic accidents with 40 per cent of them killed on weekends. Among them were 10,940 pedestrians—an all-time high—and 4,000 children. More than 1,4365,000 were injured in auto accidents.

While some of these accidents obviously were unavoidable and literally due to an act of God and human fallibility, most of them could have been avoided.

GOP 'ECONOMY'

The Democrat

Privately Republicans admit their highly-publicized "economy" program has fallen on its face.

A few important and inexpensive services have been crippled by appropriation cuts, but increased appropriations elsewhere are eating these savings up about as fast as they are made.

Meantime the Republicans have cut tax revenue by $5 billion.

The result is that it now appears probable that President Truman and the new Democratic Congress will inherit a "Republican deficit" when they take office after the November election.

WOMEN *in this World*

By EDITH McCONN

"SAVE A CHILD, Save the Future," is the slogan of the "Crusade for Children" drive. This is no meaningless phrase. As Lee Marshall, national chairman of the campaign says:

"What happens this winter may determine the kind of world your children are going to live in."

We want to help the hungry children of the world because most of us do not have hearts of stone and we cannot bear to think that children anywhere in the world are crying for food. We want to be able to enjoy our usual hearty meals without being haunted by the specter of starving children in less fortunate lands.

But also, if we stap to think of it, we have a selfish reason.

We want more than anything to see peace restored to this world. We are tired of living under the perpetual threat of war. We want to settle down to living without the fear of atomic bombs hanging over us.

Food is a powerful weapon for peace. Hungry people will do desperate deeds for food. They will sell out to dictators. They will make war. Let us, then, give them food, and give it to them in time.

If you have not given to the "Crusade for Children," give now. If you have given, give more, if you can.

Let us at least feed these hungry children. If not for the love of children, then for the fear of war. It is the best investment we can make for the safety of our own children.

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Too Much Variety in U. S. Diet, Says Food Expert

Andre Simon, the father of the Wine and Food Society in England, who is visiting in this country, has some rather harsh things to say about our eating habits.

He thinks we have too much variety and do not use it wisely.

"You eat strawberries in January, as well as in June," he says. "You enjoy so much variety the year round that your meals must end by becoming the same month in and month out."

Mr. Simon does not think this is a good idea.

"Do we not look forward to the new leaves of spring, to the hot sunshine of summer, to the bright foliage of autumn, to the briskness of winter?" he asks. "Isn't it kindness to our paiates to preserve in our diets this varied rhythm of the seasons?"

Many Americans have long had the same thoughts. Some of us have long felt that people who "rush the season" and buy those palc imported tomatoes in March and April, never get the thrill out of the lush ripe fruit that those of us do who wait for the natural season.

Then there is the matter of expense. We all complain about the high cost of food. Yet I have often seen wives of working men, who had a hard time meeting the food budget, buy some expensive out of season items, that would add little to the meal into which it was going but would add substantially to the grocery bill.

We have so much in this country. We get careless and extravagant in our habits. It is good for us to have a man from a less fortunate country, like England, come here and call attention to some of our careless habits. It we would use our imagination more and our pocket-books less we might have better meals and smaller food bills.

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Wear the Service Weight Nylons, says the Makers

Speaking of our extravagant habits, the makers of nylon hosiery have come to the defense of their fragile product.

They say that they are always getting complaints that their hosiery doesn't wear as well as it did before the war. This simply isn't so, they say.

It is the fault of the girls entirely, they insist. Here's how.

Before the war, the sheerest nylon was what is called "30 denier," which we consider a service weight. After the war, the manufacturers began making a much sheerer hose, 10 and 15 denier.

They intended these hose for dress occasions, to be worn for a few hours in the evening or afternoon.

But what do our girls do? They immediately begin wearing these ultra-sheer hose every day to the office, or to school, or for shopping. It becomes the thing to do. No more service weights!

Naturally, stocking bills began going up. A pair of these sheer hose will scarcely last through a day of average wear. Yet most girls would rather go without proper food than be caught wearing service weight hose.

The manufacturers refuse to take the blame for the high hosiery bills. They advise women to stick to service weight for ordinary wear, and save the sheer for "special."

U. S. GUILT COMPLEX

By W. H. CHAMBERLIN
The New Leader

Chauvinism, the belief that one's own country is exempt from criticism and above the restraint of any moral law, is an evil influence that has wrought much harm in the world. Truly patriotic Americans should always be vigilant in exposing and denouncing lapses into chauvinism.

But there is another bad influence, at the opposite pole from chauvinism, which works much harm and creates much confusion of thought. This might be described as the American guilt complex, the psychological obsession with the idea that America must be at least equally guilty in every international dispute in which it becomes involved. This American guilt complex is an easy stepping-stone to the policy of appeasement which would be about the most catastrophic error we could commit at the present time.

Congress Proves the Charge!

By JOHN J. SWATTEM

Truman says this is the worst
Congress since the very first.
When Congress answered the country laughed:
For the answer was made by Mister Taft!

CALIFORNIA AND THE IPP AS SEEN BY H. A. WALLACE

(Under the heading, "California and the New Party," Henry A. Wallace ran the following on his regular page in the New Republic.)

Next after New York, the New Party is stronger in California than in any other state. Skilled politicians in sympathy with any program had said it was impossible to get the New Party on the ballot. They had wanted me to run in the Democratic primary and I had refused, because I felt to do so would confuse the issue. Those who circulated the petitions in California and obtained nearly a half-million signatures accomplished one of the outstanding political feats of recent years.

In 1944 and 1946, I had campaigned in California as a Democrat. In 1947 I had reported there on my trip to Europe. It seemed clear that the response of California to my appearance in 1948 would mean a great deal as to the success or failure of the campaign. Now that I have finished my series of California meetings and shall not return until next October, I can report that the sentiment for peace is stronger in California than anywhere else in the country except New York City.

BAY AREA SOJOURN

Los Angeles, Oakland, Berkeley and San Francisco surprised me with a total attendance at meetings of more than 60,000. Interest in the Bay area was unusually keen because Stalin's reply to my open letter came in while I was making a conversational broadcast with Sidney Roger, one of the most beloved commentators now left on the air. He was enormously pleased to get such an instantaneous news break.

The forward-looking movie people are still terribly depressed by the offensive carried on against them by the Un-American Activities Committee, but they are beginning to get their courage back.

Some of them came to this country from Europe and know what went on in Germany in 1932 and 1933—and it breaks their hearts to see the United States fall into the same pattern.

Unemployment is still widespread in the American movie industry at present, because a large number of films have been put in cold storage and are only slowly being brought out. Hollywood is but a shadow of its former self. As many brilliant writers and producers are excluded from work, or begin to pull their punches, the artistic merit of the films goes down.

From one point of view, the most significant political event of my trip was the meeting with 9,000 Mexican Americans in Los Angeles. In the past the Mexican Americans have never been politically very active. But now, like the Negro people, they are expressing their determination to put an end to second-class citizenship.

CENTRAL VALLEY

California presents a curious contradiction—it is the most feudalistic, as well as the most progressive, state in the Union. The prosperity of California agriculture is based largely on exploiting migrant labor. While in San Francisco we met with representatives of the Filipino agricultural workers who are striking against the asparagus growers. Several hundred strikers have been evicted from their homes and the situation recalls that of the famous Salinas lettuce growers' strike several years ago.

One reason California is progressive is because so many people are disgusted with the power of conservative capitalists. U. S. Senator Sheridan Downey (D.) is now looked on as a spokesman for the large agricultural interests.

These are fighting the Interior Department which wants to continue to base the Central Valley development on irrigation for farms of 160 acres or less in size. Family-sized farms are a crying need of the Central Valley if California is to emancipate itself. The newcomers, who today are overwhelming the large cities, can't be taken care of unless agriculture is expanded in the Central Valley on a family-farm basis.

In speeches at Oakland and San Francisco, I called for the New Party in 1950 to run a man to defeat Sheridan Downey. Both times there was an enthusiastic response from audiences largely composed of workers.

'DISTORTION OF JEWS'

Everywhere, I meet with extraordinary distortion of the news by certain conservative newspapers. An interesting example was the action of a San Diego paper which sent a photographer to a meeting half an hour early, to take a photo to show a lot of empty seats! The same paper did the same kind of thing in 1946. When the American people finally discover the extent to which the press has misled and bamboozled them, their anger will be deep—at it should be.

As a rule, wherever I go, I get fairly good local coverage in the news columns, except for an occasional performance like that in San Diego. Editorially, of course, I anticipate the worst and usually get it. This is to be expected; editors are generally true to their bread and butter. What I do criticize is deliberate distortion in the news columns or failure to report in focus. Most of the press of the United States effectively blacked out the major portion of my letter to Stalin, and the American people would never have known what I had written if Stalin had not replied.

The American press has never reached a lower moral level except perhaps in the intense partisanship of the days of Jefferson and Lincoln.

When will America get over her guilty conscience and be herself again?

LABOR PAPER IS 40 YEARS OLD

TacomaLabor Advocate, June 4

With this issue—Volume XL, No. 1, the Tacoma Labor Advocate enters its 40th year as the voice of the American Federation of Labor movement in this area.

Forty years is a long time, it is superfluous to say, and no member of the present staff of the Advocate can boast a first-hand knowledge of local happenings back in 1909 when our paper was born.

Suffice it to say that the intervening years have not been a continuous path of roses for any labor publication. In our columns have appeared at one time or another some facts and figures which have hardly been the things most conducive to tranquility between workers and some individual employers or groups of employers.

In the heat of some by-gone controversies, we have no doubt, some of our predecessors on the Advocate staff have waxed hotter under the collar than perhaps was warranted by the circumstances.

It is more than a possibility that, goaded by like circumstances, we may do the same. We can only promise to do our best to stick to facts and resort to blunt publication of blunt facts only when fair and peaceful means have failed.

It has been said by many—and truthfully said—that a sincere worker for the rights of all workers is bound to make few friends and many enemies. Being in such a position, we cherish our friends only a little less than our aim to deal only in facts accurately presented.

We thank, especially, the members of the many local unions who, with the advertisement in this issue, wish us bon voyage as we launch upon our fortieth year.

Good luck to all of you, too.

WE DON'T PATRONIZE

The following persons and firms, after a thorough examination into the causes at issue, have been deemed unworthy of the patronage of members of organized labor and their friends:

BAKERS, CONFECTIONERS
Peter Paul, Inc., 1001 81st Ave.
Saylor's Chocolates, Inc.
2420 Encinal Ave., Alameda
Hoffman Candy Co., Los Angeles, Calif.

DRUG STORES
Stier Drug Co.,
3407 Lakeshore, Oakland

LOCKSMITHS
All locksmiths in the East Bay area not displaying the union shop card.

PRINTING-NEWSPAPERS
Life
Time
West Coast Printing Co.,
467 4th St.
Saturday Evening Post
Ladies' Home Journal
Country Gentleman

STORES
Berland's, 1535 Broadway
Cannon's Shoe Store, Cor. 11th and Washington Sts., Oakland
Feltman & Curme, 1208 Washington St., and 1932 Telegraph Ave.
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1425 Broadway
F. W. Woolworth Company,
Hayward
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2114 Vine St., Berkeley

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E. I. DuPont de Nemours, Paint Manufacturing Co., South San Francisco
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Gantner & Mattern Co.,
3rd and Berry Sts.,
San Francisco
West Coast Macaroni Manufacturing Co., 1250 57th Avenue, Oakland
Blackstone Mfg. Co., N. Y., Tools and Implements
National Mattress Co.
920 54th Ave.
National Nut Company,
362 Fourth St.
Goldstone Bros., Overalls
Portland Hotel, 476 9th St., Oakland
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